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Peace moves, battle mark Mideast week

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

There was movement on several Middle East peace fronts last week. But in southern Lebanon, Israeli forces fought an 8-hour battle with Palestinian guerrillas.

•In Israel, Richard Murphy, the U.S. assistant secretary of state in charge of Middle Eastern affairs, briefed Israeli leaders on talks he held in East Jerusalem with nine Palestinians from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

•In Washington, the Reagan administration called on Jordan — and Syria — to hold direct talks with Israel.

•In Cairo, Israel resumed negotiations with Egypt over Taba and other unresolved issues after Prime Minister Shimon Peres received what was described as a warm and friendly message from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Murphy conferred with unidentified Palestinian representatives in what observers interpreted as an attempt by the U.S. to get talks moving between Israel and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. A state department spokesman characterized the meeeting as "routine."

Since last summer Murphy has been trying, in vain so far, to find Palestinians acceptable to both Israel and Jordan. The effort has bogged down because Israel and Jordan have been unable to find a formula for Palestinian representation. The Israelis will not agree to meet Palestinians associated with the PLO, while the Jordanians insist that the PLO must be included in talks.

At the same time, Jordan has been pressing PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat to accept unequivocably United Nations resolutions 242 and 338. Israel does not believe he can succeed.

On the day Murphy met with the Palestinians, Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir cast doubt on King Hussein's commitment to a settlement.

Shamir said that Jordan's rapprochement with Syria (*See Mideast Analysis, page 8*) did not augur well for peace talks. In a reference to it, he noted that the more Israel urged King Hussein to come to the negotiating table, the more he "distances himself from us and binds himself to those who are opposed to a settlement."

Shamir, one of the hardliners in the cabinet, called Jordan's demands for an international conference with PLO participation as a non-starter "that cannot lead to peace and cannot be acceptable to us."

He reiterated Israel's opposition to any kind of Palestinian state to be created in the occupied territories.

In a related development, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said that Washington is trying to get Syria involved in the peace process. And state department spokesman Bernard Kalb declared the

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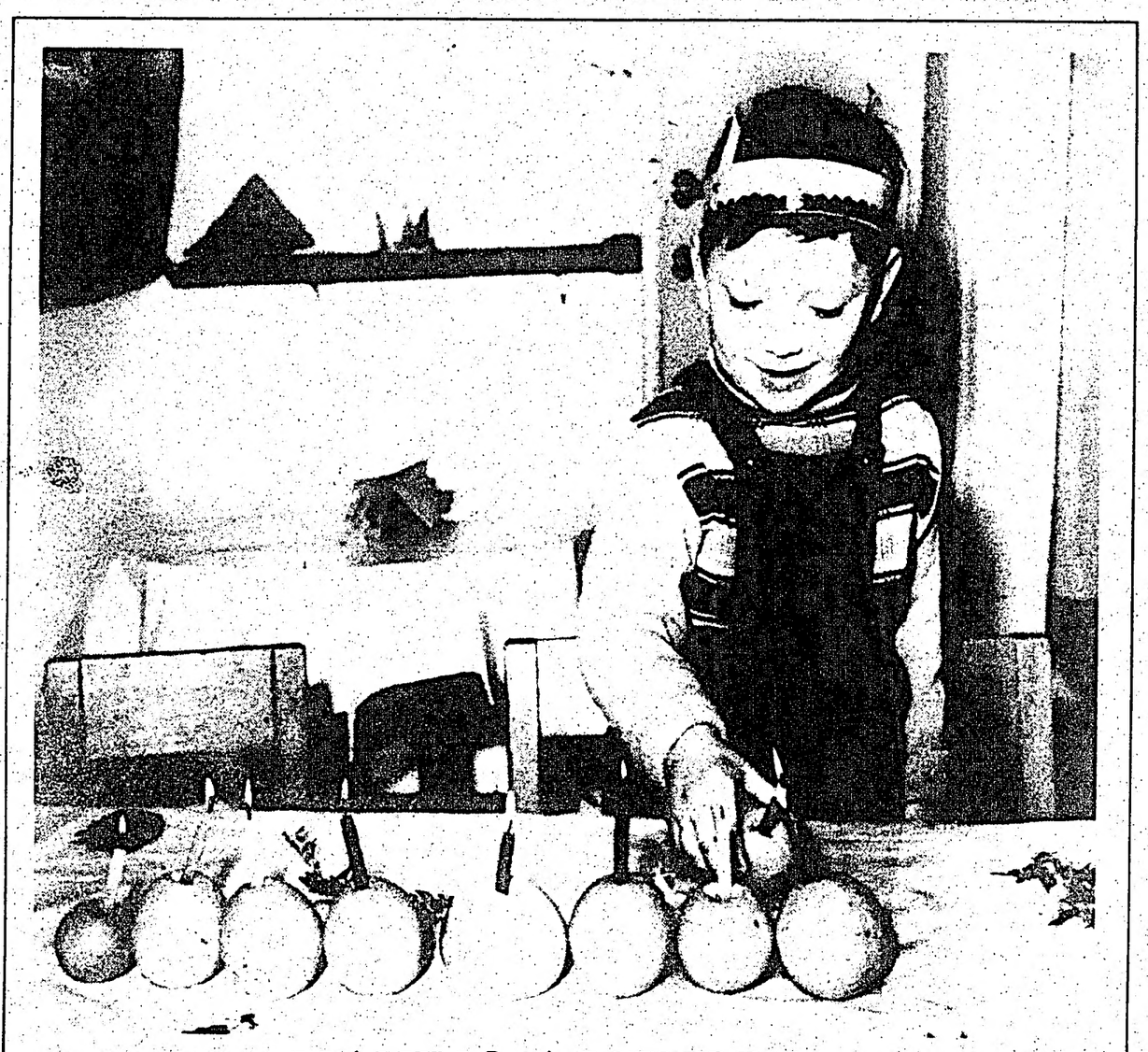

MAKING A MENORAH

An Israeli youngster uses products of his homeland, oranges, as a menorah for Chanukah candles. A new idea for the Festival of Lights! [Religious News Service photo]

White House attempts to ease spy case strain

By
WOLF BLITZER
and JTA

WASHINGTON —

The Reagan administration has officially put out the word to ease the strain in U.S.-Israeli relations which developed in the aftermath of the Jonathan Jay Pollard spy scandal in Washington.

But Israel is still continuing to take a severe beating in the American news media, perhaps even worse than after the Sabra and Shatila massacres in September 1982.

A cross section of major U.S. newspaper editorials, commentaries and cartoons underscored the sharp anger towards Israel for operating an alleged spy ring in the American capital.

Benson, the widely syndicated cartoonist for The Arizona Republic, drew a bald Uncle Sam, reclining on a pillow, holding a small mirror in one hand while the other touched the top of his head. A smiling Delilah sat behind him, holding scissors and wearing a large star of David necklace. The word "espionage" was written on her dress, as she said: "Relax, Honey — Remember, I'm Your Only True Friend in the Middle East."

The Omaha World-Herald, in an editorial, wrote: "The United States has given Israel billions of dollars in military and economic aid in recent years, to say nothing of inestimable American political support. Seldom in history has a nation done so much to help another nation survive.

"How could the Israelis show their gratitude? One way might be to help the United States plug any security leaks that come to the attention of the Israelis."

But Israel did not do that. Instead, the editorial continued, it put Pollard on its payroll "in exchange for classified U.S. information. . . . The Israelis do their cause no good by having one branch of their government finance an anti-U.S. espionage operation at the same time another branch of the government is pressing the United States for increased aid."

The national newspaper, USA Today, published an article by Jonathan Marshall, the editorial page editor of the Oakland Tribune. Marshall was once a classmate of Pollard's at Stanford University in California.

In the article, he charged that even the approximate-

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Anti-Jewish policy goes on

U.S. raps Soviets on rights

By
DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

The Reagan administration charged last week that the Soviet Union and its East European allies continue to have a "seriously flawed" record in human rights.

This assessment was made by the state department as it released the 19th semiannual report on compliance with the Helsinki Final Act. The report, which covers the period April 1 to Oct. 1, 1985, was submitted to Senator Alfonse D'Amato, chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

"Although the record of compliance varies among the Eastern states during the 6-month period covered by the report, overall performance remained seriously flawed in the human rights and humanitarian area," state department deputy spokesman Charles Redman said.

For Jews the main area of concern continues to be the Soviet Union where persecution by Soviet authorities continues and only 457 Jews were allowed to emigrate from April 1 to Aug. 31.

"Individual Jewish Refuseniks have responded in various ways to official intransigence on emigration," the report noted. "Some in resignation have stopped applying to leave, while others apply as frequently as possible — once every six months.

The report points out that during the period it covers there was "a continued crackdown on Jewish, primarily Refusenik, cultural activists and teachers of Hebrew." Describing the June trial and "confession" to Zionist and anti-Zionist activities by Moscow Hebrew teacher Dan Shapiro, the report concludes that it "was widely interpreted as a stern warning against assertion of Jewish culture and identity."

The report outlines the arrest of other Hebrew teachers and said "the number of Hebrew teachers and other Jews imprisoned for political reasons was conservatively estimated at 22 at the end of the current review period."

During the six months covered there has been "a continuation of past patterns of thinly-veiled and hostile 'anti-Zionist'

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Refusenik granted exit visa

NEW YORK —

Eliahu Essas, often referred to as the "spiritual father of Hebrew teachers" in the Soviet Union, informed the World Jewish Congress last week he had received an exit visa after 12 years of trying to emigrate.

The WJC was first informed of the decision to grant Essas an exit visa, when — at the time of the Gorbachev-Reagan summit in Geneva — a senior Soviet official in Washington contacted WJC president Edgar M. Bronfman with the news that Essas would be given permission to leave. "We have received an official cable from Moscow with a positive response to your request," the diplomat told Bronfman.

Bronfman, as the first WJC president officially received in Moscow last September, met with Essas there and requested his release in meetings with Soviet officials.

During a recent meeting at the Soviet embassy in Washington, WJC Secretary-General Israel Singer and Executive Director Elan Steinberg received confirmation that Essas would be allowed to leave and that "the decision had been made at the highest level." In a telephone call from Moscow Essas told Singer that he and his family had received their visas and could leave at any time, adding, "I wanted you to be the first to know."

In a statement released here Bronfman said: "We welcome this step as a positive development which contributes toward the reduction of East-West tensions."

Campaign by WJC to press Vatican

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, said last week that the WJC is launching a global campaign to press for "formal recognition" of Israel by the Vatican.

He urged the Jewish leadership of 70 countries where there are Jewish communities — from Argentina to Zimbabwe — to raise the subject of diplomatic recognition of Israel at every meeting they have with the Pope or with representatives of the Holy See.

Stressing the WJC's commitment to "a fruitful dialogue" with the Church of Rome to achieve "a normalization of relations" between Catholics and Jews, Bronfman declared that the Vatican "must understand that Jews are unalterably united" in the view that this cannot take place until the church accepts "the fundamental assertion of national Jewish identity in our time," the birth of the State of Israel.

He called on Jewish leaders to make this issue "the first item on the agenda" at every meeting between representatives of the two faiths. He himself made a dramatic public appeal to John Cardinal O'Connor, the archbishop of New York, last month to convey to the Vatican the growing dissatisfaction among Jews with the failure of the Catholic church to extend diplomatic recognition to Israel.

Early deadlines for holiday season

Because of the holiday season, the editorial deadlines for the Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 and Jan. 9 issues are advanced.

Deadline for the Dec. 26 issue is Monday noon, Dec. 16. Deadline for the Jan. 2 issue is Monday noon, Dec. 23. Deadline for the Jan. 9 issue is Monday noon, Dec. 30. These are deadlines for copy arrival in Toronto; earlier deadlines apply for Montreal.

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World-National

Monthly gives Jewish issues new approach

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

On my already overloaded desk has fluttered a new magazine. Ultimate Issues, edited by Dennis Prager, is a 1-person mini-journal, composed entirely by the editor-author and spiced with letters from readers.

Dennis is an old associate from the days when he directed Brandeis-Bardin Camp in California. I lectured several times there, debated on public panels with him, and always enjoyed his ready repartee, his wide-ranging knowledge (both Jewish and general), and even his barbs against my particular liberal point of view. He once went to an Orthodox yeshiva, then quit and became a highly successful educator of adult Jews who would flock to his camp and his lectures wherever he gave them.

Rabbi Plaut

He left Brandeis a couple of years ago hoping to go into national politics, but ended up — for the time being anyway — as the founder and sole contributor to his new journal. In other words, he's back in adult Jewish education.

The whole thing is typically Prager: bright, large, reaching high, and very readable. I might cavil at the title which promises more than it can possibly deliver, for the issues he deals with, while important, are not necessarily "ultimate." However, the title sticks in your mind and I suppose that's what Prager wanted.

The second issue leads off with an article entitled, "Afghanistan: how good people can ignore a holocaust." The piece is a good an example of what the author is after. It speaks to Jews about what he considers to be vital **Jewish** problems, and to Prager, the extinction of a people and their culture now taking place in that Asian country is therefore a Jewish problem as well.

I will spare the reader the gruesome catalogue that the author presents, to show that the word "holocaust" is indeed applicable. The cruelty of the invaders is extreme and their goal nothing less than the total destruction of the nation, its religion and its leaders.

"We Jews (says the author) have always wondered how the world could basically go on during the Holocaust as if nothing were happening. Ever since Pol Pot and the Communist holocaust in Cambodia, I have understood how easy it is for people to go on with their normal lives while a nation is slaughtered. Afghanistan now provides another example."

Is the comparison with the Jewish Holocaust valid? he asks. There is a difference, to be sure, and that is why one destruction is spelled with a capital H and the other is not. He goes on to argue that there are, alas, many desperate analogies and concludes:

"We Jews must cry out on behalf of Afghanistan, and do so davka as Jews. . . . If you ever wondered how good people could ignore a holocaust, look around you."

Other titles in that issue: "The immortality of pacifist thinking," "When rabbis and cantors become doctors and artists," "The greatest Jewish problem: in the free world it is neither anti-semitism nor survival."

The monthly comes from 2265 Westwood Blvd., Suite 508, Los Angeles, CA 90064, for U.S.$15, and will help you stretch your mind.

Despite island nation's Moslem neighbors

Israeli-Singapore relations grow

By
JIM HERSHBERG

SINGAPORE —

Despite being sandwiched between two giant Moslem neighbors, this tiny yet prosperous island nation has emerged as one of Israel's most significant diplomatic and economic outposts in Asia, Israeli officials say.

Wary of irritating two of the most populous Moslem countries in the world, Malaysia to the north and Indonesia to the south, Singapore has nevertheless kept relations with the Jewish state on a friendly if low-key basis and commercial ties between the two countries have expanded significantly in recent years.

Since 1982, according to Israeli officials in Singapore, bilateral trade has jumped by a fifth, now standing at $100 million annually, and the number of Israeli businessmen stationed in Singapore has more than doubled, to about 50.

"We are friends," said an Israeli aide here. "Relations are good, they are developing, and there is potential for further growth."

With a population of under 3 million and an area of 226 square miles, Singapore is smaller than most countries in the world, even Israel. But, first as a British colony and since 1968 as independent state, the diamond-shaped island has exploited its strategic location as a harbor at the southern tip of the Malaysian Peninsula straddling one of the world's most vital sea lanes. In the last two decades, the country has also harnessed a hard-working, industrious multi-racial population with an ethnic Chinese majority to become one of the region's economic powerhouses.

Singapore turned to Israel for help in the late 1960s when it was still trying to get on its feet after the British left and was also concerned about simmering tensions with Malaysia and Indonesia.

In demand after Israel's stunning victory in the June 1967 Six Day War, Israeli military advisors helped train and equip Singapore's embryonic army, navy and air force during the late 60s and early 70s and provided the "blueprints" for several key industries, sources said.

The Singaporeans, though they had already recognized the Jewish state, were initially so sensitive about the Israeli assistance at the time the visitors were described as Mexicans to disguise them.

The tactic was only a partial success, however. One ex-Western military attache recalls a banquet at which a diplomat from Indonesia, which does not have ties to Israel, grumbled with irritation at the "Mexicans" sitting with the top Singapore brass at the head table.

Greater Asian direction

"When we first became independent we needed help in the military field and no one was willing to come forward except Israel," said one Singaporean source, who asked that his name and position not be used.

But the budding romance cooled somewhat in the early 70s, in part because the job of getting the Singapore military on its feet had been completed and in part because of the steep rise in oil prices and Arab political power after the October 1973 Yom Kippur War.

In addition, one veteran local observer suggested, Indonesia and Malaysia were signaling their unhappiness at Singapore's coziness toward Israel.

Nevertheless, unlike many Asian and African nations Singapore did not break or threaten to break relations with Israel after 1973, and refused to acquiesce in the economic boycott of Israel called by the Arab world.

"You see, the Singaporeans are braver than the Japanese," said one pro-Israel source. (Most Japanese companies have adhered to the Arab boycott of Israel since 1973 although Israeli officials are hoping for a change in the wake of Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's visit to Tokyo in September.)

Even in the lean years Israel continued to trade here and promote co-operative programs in such areas as education, medicine, scientific research, child care, social work and other areas — many in programs that are still ongoing.

And since the turn of the decade, the decline of oil prices, the need of Singapore military to upgrade and modernize equipment acquired 15 years ago, and a growing Asian orientation on the part of Israeli policy makers and businesses have combined to recreate a degree of momentum in Israeli-Singapore trade.

Good meeting place

In 1984, Israel exported $60 million in goods to Singapore, mostly agricultural produce, diamonds, sophisticated electronic hardware and indistrial and medical equipment, while Singapore sent $40 million worth of televisions and radios, rubber, ship and airplane parts, oils and other items to Israel.

The total makes Singapore the second biggest trading partner for Israel in the region after Japan, and officials see potential for further growth although they caution that the pace will depend on whether Singapore can pull out of its current financial slump and Israel can escape its own far more serious economic crisis.

At present at least 10 Israeli companies maintain full-time offices in Singapore, more than any other Asian capital, Israeli businessmen said. Many of the firms use their Singapore offices as a base for dealing with Australia as well as the rest of southeast Asia.

"Singapore is a very good place to stay, even if you want to market your products for the whole area," said a representative for an Israeli aircraft company. Singapore serves as a trading crossroads for the region and, in contrast to some countries in the area, welcomes holders of Israeli passports. And, one Israeli trader acknowledged, since Singapore maintains active commercial links with many states that lack of diplomatic relations with Israel — such as China — it can also be a convenient meeting spot for encounters that could draw undesired attention if held in Israel or Europe.

Avital will not let him die; she will not let us forget

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

The day started with a reading of the papers and the daily search for a column topic. There was much to choose from, lots of truly important events like the Geneva summit and even less cosmic stories like the suit brought by Rock Hudson's self-proclaimed last lover. I read it all, took notes, made some phone calls and then satisfied with the cornucopia of topics facing me, I set off for lunch. That's when I saw her.

First I noticed people staring in the direction of the Soviet embassy. When I got closer, I saw a camera crew and then, across the street, three people sitting on chairs before an office building. The person in the middle was Avital Scharansky.

It had been years since I had seen her last, but she seemed no different — a face constantly updated by newspaper photos and television news and therefore, like family, too familiar to notice any change.

Her head was covered in the style of ultra-Orthodox Jewish women, no hair showing, and her dress was extremely modest and plain. For all of that, she is the fiercest of accusers, a finger pointing always at a Soviet government that holds her husband, Anatoly, in a labor camp. On a most glorious Indian summer day, she was a reminder that winter had come once again to Siberia.

Often there is a demonstration before the Soviet embassy. Often, the reason is the refusal of the Soviet government to allow Jews to emigrate. Sometimes rabbis come to pray and sometimes people just come to stand on the street and stare at the embassy, which is old and crusty and all shut up like a closed mind. You may wonder if the people inside pay any heed. There is no way to tell for sure, but I think they do.

Once, I was in the South African embassy, waiting in the foyer for a visa, when five demonstrators came to protest apartheid. They rang the bell and stared straight at the mirrored door, not knowing they could be seen — and heard — through it. They were nervous about being arrested and so they giggled and made weak jokes and then the police came to take them away. They linked arms and sang "We Shall Overcome" and all the time some people inside the embassy watched, listened and, of course, said nothing to one another. The demonstrators thought no one was watching, but someone was.

I crossed 16th St., hesitated for a moment and then walked over to Avital Scharansky. I introduced myself because it has been a long time since we last met. "I think of you a lot," I said. I do, because she is often in the news, showing up at major events to remind the world that her husband remains imprisoned in the Soviet Union for the crime of being a Jewish dissident. She was in Geneva when Mikhail Gorbachev met with president Reagan; she was in New York for the 40th anniversary of the United Nations. Like hope itself, she is everywhere.

It would be wonderful to concentrate only on the grand problems of the East-West conflict — arms reduction, Star Wars — as if the differences between us and the Soviets were only ideological and, in terms of any real conflict, exclusively prospective. But Avital Scharansky always brings you down to the small, the human and the immediate — to the plight of her husband, his 13-year sentence on the preposterous charge of being an American spy, his suffering, his headaches, his worsening health, his very existence in a Siberian labor camp near the city of Perm. She will not let him die and she will not let us forget.

And by extension she reminds you of the plight of all the others the Soviets have jailed for what the West calls "crimes of conscience." They include Ukrainian nationalists like Vasyl Stus, who died in a labor camp, Russian Orthodox Christians like Boris Razveyev, Lutherans, Baptists, atheists with the wrong politics and Jews who unlike Scharansky have no politics, not even dissent, but whose crime is the fierce determination to teach Hebrew to children. Scharansky is only the best known of the jailed. His is the universal face of the victim.

Avital Scharansky smiled at my greeting and nodded in recollection of our last meeting and then, not knowing what to say, I stupidly blurted out, "Keep up the good work," which of course she will. So I quickly said goodbye and headed off for my lunch. There had been so much to write and then, suddenly, there had been only one thing to write:

Let him go. Let them all go.

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Israel, S. Africa as "allies"

New study hits myth

NEW YORK —

American media commentators are trying increasingly to portray Israel and South Africa as "allies," says a new study released by the American Jewish Committee.

The study, entitled Media Myths: Fallacies About Israel's Ties with South Africa, prepared by AJC International Organizations policy analyst Allan Kagedan, disputes the claims that the two countries resemble each other in their foreign relations or internal conditions, and have uncommonly close trade and military relations.

Leo Nevas, chairman of the International Relations Commission of the American Jewish Committee, said that the study would "help to frustrate the efforts of those who seek to use the South African tragedy to further their own narrow political ends."

Moscow seen as taking new approach

Cotler, Soviet VIP discuss human rights issue

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
Soviet Justice Minister Alexander Sovkarov met privately in his hotel room with McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler, a long-time activist for the rights of Soviet Jewry, and Alan Beesely, the Canadian ambassador to the United Nations mission in Geneva, for what Cotler described as a frank discussion on human rights issues.

The meeting took place at Sovkarov's initiative, said Cotler, on the last day of the summit meeting between President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev last month. Cotler had been in Geneva to assist Avital Scharansky in her efforts to gain the release of her husband Anatoly Scharansky, who is serving a 13-year sentence for treason.

When Cotler brought up the Scharansky case, Sovkarov, according to Cotler, said, "I don't understand you as a lawyer. Scharansky was convicted of treason, of an offense involving state security. How can you concern yourself with a matter of our security?"

Cotler then countered that the Soviet Union had rightly taken up the cause of Nelson Mandela, the jailed black South African leader who also had been convicted of treason.

Sovkarov, who until that point had spoken through an interpreter, leaned forward and said in English, "Are you trying to compare the Soviet Union to South Africa?" Cotler replied the only comparison was that both the Scharansky and Mandela cases were matters of human rights.

Beesely, who had been asked by the External Affairs Department to accompany Cotler at the meeting and to present the official Canadian government position on the Scharansky case, told Sovkarov that the Scharansky case is of concern to Canada for three main reasons: 1) it adversely affects Canada-Soviet relations; 2) Scharansky has family in Canada, therefore the case involves family reunification; and 3) both Canada and the Soviet Union are signatories to the Helsinki Final Act, which contains agreements on human rights.

Sovkarov wanted precise information on Scharansky's relatives in Canada, the number and exact relationship. Cotler said he believed there were 27, including a cousin, Stan Solomon of Toronto, who was in Geneva also.

Cotler suggested that it would be in the Soviets' own interest to release Scharansky because at every international conference the Soviet Union attends in the free world there are calls for his freedom. "I told Sovkarov that I had always felt the Soviet Union was politically sophisticated, but in this case it gives the impression of being politically dumb."

Sovkarov said there was no problem with the Jews in the Soviet Union, and gave Cotler a document giving a glowing account of Jewish life in the Soviet Union. "To read it you would think the Soviet Union was the best place on earth for the Jews," said Cotler.

Sovkarov, who was accompanied by two aides, went on the offensive himself at certain points in the conversation, pointing out the existence of anti-semitism in Canada and the mistreatment of native peoples. Sovkarov apparently became confused with the United States when he charged that Canada had not signed all of the international human rights agreements, notably the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights.

Cotler pointed out that Canada had ratified this agreement in 1976, but the U.S. has not. The Soviet Union has not, while Canada has, signed an optional protocol of the agreement which allows a Canadian citizen to make a complaint against a violation by the Soviet Union to the United Nations Human Rights Commission. Cotler indicated he would welcome the Soviet Union's signing this protocol so that the reverse could also be true.

Sovkarov said he knew Cotler by his writings, and asked why he never said anything good about the Soviet legal system. Cotler answered that, on the contrary, he has said that the Soviet bill of rights is a model of human rights legislation, but the Soviets are not living up to their own legal system.

Cotler said Sovkarov had said at the outset of the meeting that he wanted a candid discussion like that which had taken place between Reagan and Gorbachev. Sovkarov said that, although the closing communique issued by the two leaders contained no mention of human rights, the subject had been on the table but only Reagan and Gorbachev know exactly what went on.

In an interview, Cotler said his overall impression of the meeting with Sovkarov is that it is in keeping with a "new style of Soviet diplomacy" which is more open and allows issues to be put on the agenda which were previously taboo.

"The Soviets are prepared to discuss and defend their own record. Soviet officials are not automatically saying 'nyet,' this is an internal matter," said Cotler.

The way the Soviets are now conducting their foreign policy regarding human rights includes an offensive dimension, said Cotler. The Soviets are accusing the West of human rights violations itself.

Sovkarov volunteered the opinion that since Gorbachev became leader, the Soviet Union has become a "young country again" and he himself feels 10 years younger.

Cotler sensed that with the rejuvenation of leadership, the Soviet Union is taking a new view of its relationship with the West. This "new political reality" includes the "unprecedented" use of the media by the Soviets to get their message across, said Cotler.

Mathematician new president

Weizmann picks Dvoretzky

REHOVOT —
Prof. Aryeh Dvoretzky, a distinguished Hebrew University mathematician, was elected president of the Weizmann Institute of Science at the recent 37th annual general meeting of the institute's board of governors. He succeeds Prof. Michael Sela.

The board also elected American businessman Morris Levinson to follow Lord Sieff of Brimpton as chairman of the board, and Lord Sieff as institute chancellor, a position last occupied by the late Meyer Weisgal.

In a new departure, the board chose Prof. Shmuel Shaltiel, a leading institute researcher and former dean of the Feinberg Graduate School, as Dvoretzky's deputy and the institute's first senior vice-president.

Dvoretzky becomes the institute's seventh president. A member of its board of governors since 1975, he was elected to the board's executive council in 1979. His posts at the Hebrew University included his term of office as dean of the mathematics and natural sciences faculty, university vice-president and, founder and director of the university's Institute of Advanced Studies.

Dvoretzky has also served as chief scientist of the ministry of defence and as president of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities.

Sela, a noted immunologist who now completes a 10-year presidency of the Weizmann Institute, has been named "Institute Professor," a title of distinction so far bestowed on only three other institute scientists. He has also been elected a deputy chairman of the board of governors.

"The Weizmann Institute of Science not only enjoys a respected place among leading research centres of the modern world, but has been, as Dr. (Chaim) Weizmann thought it should be, an instrument of nation building, the very basis of the Zionist endeavor in this land," said Israeli President Chaim Herzog at the ceremony in which he and five other distinguished personalities were awarded honorary doctorates by the Institute.

Degrees were also conferred upon two Nobel Laureates, Prof. Niels Jerne (Medicine, 1984) and Prof. Vladimir Prelog (Chemistry, 1977); the former U.S. ambassador to Israel, Samuel Lewis; the president of the institute's Canadian Society, James Kay of Toronto; and ranking institute governor Ayala Zacks Abramov.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

A number of newly arrived Ethiopian students at the Hebrew University have been recipients of scholarships from the Morris M. Pulver Scholarship Fund — a fund provided by the late Morris M. Pulver through the Toronto Jewish Congress bequest and endowment fund. Seen here (from left) are Leo Marcus of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, Dr. Yehezkel Cohen, staff person for the Pulver Scholarship Fund, and Moshe Fass, in charge of the Ethiopian program at the Hebrew University congratulating an Ethiopian recipient of a Pulver Scholarship.

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Were the Maccabees as good and holy and upright as our history presents them? Why have not our modern Maccabees fared as well?

The Maccabees were men of sterling character, blameless in every way. Though there was some criticism directed at them, the very nature of the complaint indicates the greatness of the men.

Rabbi Burak

In the Siddur Otzar ha-Tefillot, volume 1, page 364, they are charged with one error. They were Cohanim, priests, and, as priests they had no right to the throne. As descendants of Aaron, they were entitled to claim the office of High Priest, Cohen Gadol. But, the throne belonged to the descendants of David.

They should have turned over the throne to someone from the House of David. This complaint is made in the name of one of our great authorities, Rabbi David Abudarham z.l., a sage who lived in the 30th century. He claims that there was a descendant of King David around at that time, and the throne should have been given to him. Since the Maccabees kept the throne for themselves, they lost it to one of their slaves who killed every last member of the Hasmonean family.

Unskilled hands

In defence of the Maccabees let it be said that there wasn't much of a throne to offer anyone. It would have been dangerous to hand over the throne to unskilled hands.

Our modern Maccabees have not fared as well. Moshe Dayan, who led Israel's armies with great brilliance, deserved to be remembered for his gallantry on the field. Thanks to his daughter, his gallantry in other areas has become a topic for the cocktail circuit. Her book, and her lectures to promote the sale of the book, tell scandalous personal anecdotes about her father that will delight prurient minds.

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Should a daughter do such things to the memory of her father?

This is not the way of the Torah. When Noah got drunk and became uncovered in his tent, at least two of his three sons took steps to cover him. That's what we read in Genesis, Chapter 9:22-23: "And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his brothers without. And Shem and Japhet took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backwards, and covered the nakedness of their father . . . and they saw not the nakedness of their father."

Father's nakedness

But Yael Dayan Sion imitates Ham, and studies her father's nakedness. It's some kaddish she says for him. It's regrettable that she did not attend a Torah school. Had she gone to a Bais Yaakov school, where the Bible is taught as a book of commands and prohibitions, she might have understood those lines about Noah and his son Ham, and remembered the following passuk: "Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren." But, she studied it as literature. . . .

What does a child owe his father? Our rabbis taught, in Tractate Kiddushin, 31B: "He must honor him in life and must honor him in death."

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My column should also be studied carefully. The least that a would-be letter writer to the editor should do before criticizing my work is to read over the column he wishes to disagree with. In a letter to The CJN printed in the Nov. 28 issue, Eli Ophek, takes me to task for stating that "Moshe Dayan, knowingly, felt free to alter a word in a biblical sentence in order to debate an issue in the Knesset."

I said no such thing. In my column of Sept. 5, I took note of the fact that Moshe Dayan wrote: "I could not help sending him a note with a one-word change in an old Talmudic quotation: 'By abstention shall the righteous live.' " These words of his were followed by my words: "There is no such Talmudic quotation. It is in the Bible." Both the father and the daughter needed a stronger chinnuch to have a better Chanukah.

Charles Bronfman

Allan Offman

UIA re-elects Bronfman and Offman

TORONTO —

Charles Bronfman and Allan Offman were re-elected as chairman and president, respectively, of the United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc., at the recent annual meeting here.

UIA activities of the past year were reviewed, including the decision to raise an additional $5 million in U.S. funds to aid Ethiopian absorption in Israel.

Offman reported that the Jewish Agency has "expressed its appreciation for Canadian contributions to Israel's social welfare and humanitarian programs — laced in jeopardy by Israel's recession."

During the past year, Offman said, record transfers had been made to the Jewish Agency. And such activities as Young Leadership and the missions "experienced a pronounced upturn."

Yachdav, the international Young Leadership Mission, attracted almost 100 participants from Canada, and the first UIA National Prime Ministers Mission had also been a "singular success," Offman stated.

He added that Hineni, an annual gathering of Canadian Jewish leadership has been praised by the Jewish Agency as an idea to be emulated.

The meeting discussed the findings of commissions organized to investigate and recommend a greater rationalization of the resources and management of the UIA.

The following were elected to serve on the executive of UIA for the coming year: chairman of the board, Charles Bronfman; president, Allan Offman; immediate past-president, Morton Brownstein; vice-presidents, Dr. Charles Gold, Dr. Gerald Halbert, Rosalind Karby, Frank Kettner, Sol Lederman, Martin Levine, Wilfred Posluns;

Treasurer, Orin Krivel; co-treasurer, Charles Diamond; secretary, Schuyler Sigel; assistant secretary, Lois Raphael; senior honorary legal counsel, Donald Carr, honorary legal counsel, Schuyler Sigel; chairman of unfederated communities, Sam Taylor; Atlantic Region chairman, Ralph Medjuck; Ontario Region chairman, David Steinberg.

Honorary citizenship likely for Wallenberg

By
JEFF ROSEN

OTTAWA —

Raoul Wallenberg was expected to be named an honorary citizen of Canada this week following passage of a joint resolution by all parties in the House of Commons and Senate.

Roland de Corneille, Liberal MP for Eglinton-Lawrence, told The CJN both he and Conservative backbencher Guy Ricard (Laval) would be withdrawing their private members' bills Monday calling for Wallenberg to be named an honorary citizen of Canada and that they would move a joint resolution which would be seconded by NDP House Leader Ian Deans.

After the three political representatives speak to the resolution, de Corneille said it would be voted on and it was expected to receive unanimous support.

It was then expected to go to the Senate Tuesday where it would be presented by Conservative Senator Nathan Nurgitz and Liberal Senator Lorna Marsden for passage to coincide with International Human Rights Day.

"It will enshrine Wallenberg's name in Canadian history, so we become part of his history and he part of ours," de Corneille told The CJN. "It will signal to the Soviet Union that we regard him as a hero and humanitarian and should be allowed to leave."

De Corneille has been working on a bill to proclaim Wallenberg an honorary citizen since 1980. He said its passage will have "an enormous impact as it speaks for all of us."

Alan Shefman, director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith, was "ecstatic" about the resolution, saying "it signifies the recognition of a great international person in regard to human rights."

Shefman has been involved in efforts to have Wallenberg declared an honorary citizen since 1980. At that time, he met with Per Anger, then ambassador to Canada from Sweden, who had been with Wallenberg in Budapest in 1944 and 1945.

As well as publishing an information brochure on the Swedish diplomat, Shefman said the League sponsored premieres of the documentary film Buried Alive across Canada in 1983 and began efforts to gain citizenship status for Wallenberg in February of 1984. At that time, he said, they were able to get the support of multiethnic and human rights groups across Canada.

De Corneille also presented a petition from over 1,000 Torontonians in October requesting Wallenberg be made an honorary citizen.

Shefman said it was appropriate Wallenberg was being named an honorary citizen on International Human Rights Day, as "his actions were the ultimate in human rights."

By working through the War Rufugee Board in Budapest, Wallenberg managed to save about 100,000 Jews from the Nazi regime's death machines by issuing special passes declaring them honorary Swedish citizens.

After the war came to a close, Wallenberg was arrested by the Russians on Jan. 17, 1945 and, according to the Soviet government, died in prison in 1947. However reports which have filtered out of the Soviet Union indicate he may have survived longer.

Shefman said that the Canadian government's action will enable it to raise the issue of Wallenberg's whereabouts with the Soviet government and enable it to determine what happened to him.

"We haven't given up hope he's alive," said Shefman.

At the B'nai B'rith Media Human Rights Awards this week, a special award was given to Wallenberg, in absentia, for "his devotion to the highest humanitarian ideals and his efforts to save Jews during the war."

At the same time, Yorkdale Lodge, comprised of Holocaust survivors, was renamed Raoul Wallenberg Lodge.

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Husband claims invasion of privacy in divorce case

Damage suit against Beth Din is thrown out

NEW YORK (JTA) — A New York City resident, involved in a Jewish divorce proceeding with a rabbinical court (Beth Din), had his damage suit for $1 million against the Beth Din thrown out by the Kings County Supreme Court, in the first such legal action ever taken, according to the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA).

Dennis Rapps, COLPA executive director, said the husband had refused to give his wife a get (Jewish divorce) and the Beth Din summoned him to a hearing. The husband's name was withheld.

Rapps said the husband, who has since given his wife a get, charged in his civil suit that the Beth Din had invaded his privacy and also damaged his reputation by publishing information concerning his "marital relationship which appeared in several newspapers."

The husband had objected specifically to the action of the Beth Din issuing a "seruv," literally a "document of refusal," which noted that the husband had failed to respond to three summonses from the rabbinical court to appear before it on the issue of his refusal to grant his wife a get.

The Beth Din is an agency of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

The seruv noted that because of the husband's refusal to appear, the Beth Din had ruled he was, in civil legal definition, in contempt of court.

The document also stated that it was incumbent on any Jews having any contact with the husband "to persuade him to come before the rabbinical court, so that she will not remain an agunah," the term for a Jewish woman who, for a variety of reasons, has been unable to obtain a get and cannot, under Jewish law, remarry.

Kings County Supreme Court Justice Abraham Bernstein dismissed the husband's suit on grounds the statements in the seruv were true.

Rapps said that Bernstein's decision was the first of its kind and was "an important reaffirmation" of the recognition of Jewish religious tribunals in American civil law. Rapps told the JTA he doubted that the husband would appeal Bernstein's ruling.

Pact to allow claims on art

NEW YORK (JTA) — Art objects which were confiscated by the Nazis and are now in the custody of the Austrian government can be claimed by surviving owners or their heirs under an agreement the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria reached with Austrian Chancellor Fred Sinowatz, it was announced here last week by Dr. Israel Miller, president of the committee.

He and four other officials of the committee and the World Jewish Congress met with Austrian finance minister Dr. Franz Vranitzky to discuss the implementation of the understanding.

Vranitzky told the delegation — Saul Kagan, executive director of the committee, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, WJC vice-president, Israel Singer, WJC executive director, and Elan Steinberg, WJC-American section executive director — that the Austrian government has just introduced legislation under which individuals will be able to file claims for any of the art objects.

This legislation, Vranitzky added, will also commit the Austrian government to use the proceeds from unclaimed properties for the benefit of victims of Nazi persecution.

Miller said that claims may be filed until Sept. 30, 1986 with the Austrian ministry of finance, Postfach 2000 (Mauerbach), A1015 Vienna, Austria.

Sholom Aleichem daughter dies

NEW YORK (JTA) — Marie Waife, the surviving child of Sholom Aleichem died recently at the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was 94 years old.

Waife, who sometimes used the name Marie Waife-Goldberg after her marriage to B. Z. Goldberg, the Yiddish journalist who died in 1974, was the author of *My Father, Sholom Aleichem* in 1968.

As the last of Aleichem's six children, she faithfully carried out the request in his will that his descendants assemble with friends on the anniversary of his death, to read his stories and to conclude the gathering by serving tea and cookies.

The sessions in Waife's West Side apartment became an institution attended by those who had gained recognition in arts and letters, Yiddish and English.

Aleichem's descendants will continue this tradition in New York. Sholom Aleichem, whose real name was Solomon Rabinowitz, died in New York City in 1916.

The Name Game

There's a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origin over the past few years.

In this regular series, Mr. Catzman reports on his research. If you have any information relating to the origin and meaning of your surname, please pass it along to Fred M. Catzman, c/o The Canadian Jewish News, 562 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto M4P 1P1.

SHOOM

Today we wander into the garden to rake up some familiar Jewish surnames and whip them up into an appetizing vegetable salad:

Seler — celery
Burack (Zwickla in Polish) — beet
Erbse — peas
Bohne — bean
Pasternak (in Polish) — parsnip
Kohl (Kapusta in Polish) — cabbage
Kerbel, Moehre — carrot
Linsen — lentils
Zweibel — onion
Rettig — radish
Schwamm — mushroom

To add flavor, I would add a little garlic and here I will have an argument with my friend, Morris Shoom. He assures me that the word shoom means garlic in Polish, although I am unable to verify this in any Polish dictionary.

On the other hand, there is a school of thought that attributes the name Shoom to the acronym of three German cities that were clustered together — Speyer (pronounced shpeyer), Worms (pronounced vurms), and Mainz — the first letters of which were Sh-U-M).

These cities were beehives of Jewish learning. That certainly has a better cultural flavor than garlic.

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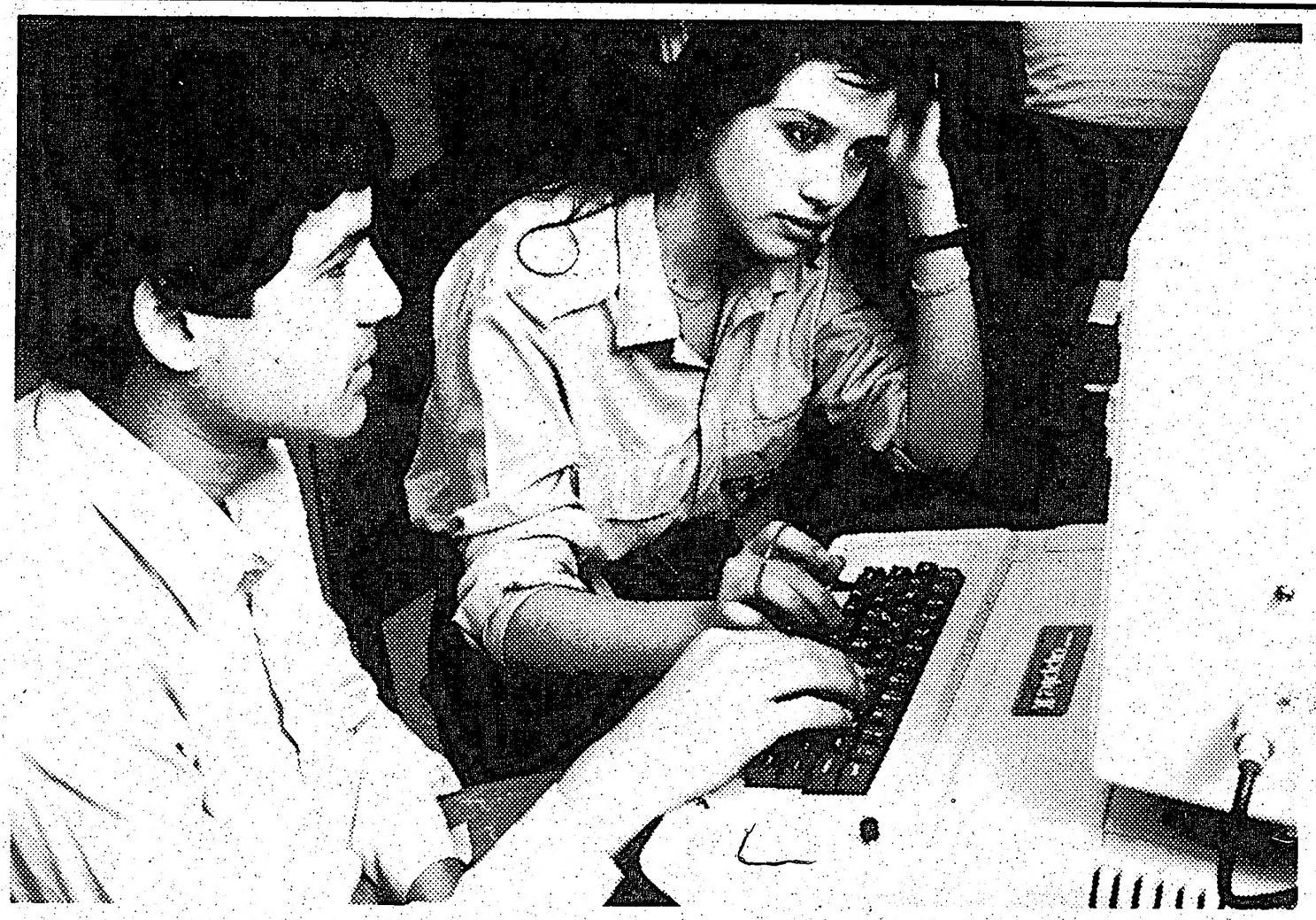

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"Politics is the art of the possible," says Finestone

Jewish leaders hopeful about Quebec Liberals

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Jewish community leaders look forward to a good relationship with the new Liberal government headed by Premier Robert Bourassa.

Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region, chairman Bernard Finestone said "specific Jewish concerns received a very sympathetic treatment from some of the key actors in the new government when they were in opposition" and he expects that to continue.

The CJC maintained a dialogue with Bourassa and the Liberals while they were in opposition, and Finestone says Congress intends to keep the lines of communication open with Parti Quebecois leader Pierre-Marc Johnson.

Finestone admits the Jewish community is not "doing cartwheels" over the Liberal victory. "The PQ treated us well as Jews; as anglophones, that's another question."

Whatever their personal feelings about Bourassa, including any lingering resentment over the Bill 22 language legislation, Quebec Jews must be pragmatic in their dealings with this new government, he said. "Politics is the art of the possible it doesn't matter what happened in the past."

The CJC will continue to have a presence in Quebec city when the National Assembly is in session. New community relations director Shelley Gaffe will be in the provincial capital at least once a week and Quebec regional director Jeff Kushner about once a month.

Finestone said CJC's approach will continue to be one of ongoing relations with the government, rather than "screaming and demanding when there is a crisis."

MarilynWainberg,chairman of B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights, Eastern Region, said, "hopefully we will find sensitivity to our various human rights issues. But we can't tell for sure at this time." High on that list is Bill 29 and the labeling of kosher food in French.

Wainberg said she hopes the league will be able to work more closely with the CJC in the future on common areas of concern, but does not see anything unhealthy about having two spokesman organizations for the Jewish community in relations with government.

"We have a different approach. CJC is funded by all of us through our campaign contributions. B'nai B'rith is funded by its members to whom it is accountable. It's a very grassroots organization."

Liberal Herbert Marx will be the only Jew sitting in the National Assembly and it's been widely speculated that he will be appointed minister of justice. Predictably, Marx was elected for a third time in D'Arcy McGee, the western Montreal riding that is 60% Jewish, crushing his nearest opponent Pequiste Richard Bougie by a margin of over 21,000 votes.

Marx, who has been opposition justice critic, calls Bourassa's return to power a "tremendous comeback, unprecedented in Canadian history."

The other Jewish MNA, 25-year veteran, Harry Blank, was defeated in the downtown riding of St. Louis. Blank ran as an independent after Bourassa overruled his nomination in favor of newcomer Jacques Chagnon, who was victorious.

Quebec summer job form

CJC takes up issue of "question"

By
RON CSILLAG

MONTREAL —

The Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress (Quebec Region) has taken up the matter of a question on a Quebec government summer job registration form asking the applicant whether he or she belongs to a "cultural community" other than the province's French-speaking majority.

Dr. Victor Goldbloom, chairman of the committee, told The CJN the matter was referred by Congress to the Quebec Human Rights Commission to ascertain if the question was appropriately worded and whether it infringes on human rights.

The question on the form, which registers students for summer jobs throughout Quebec, asks, "Do you belong to a particular cultural community other than the French-speaking majority of Quebec and the Native Peoples of Quebec?"

The explanation of a cultural community is elaborated upon: "Persons whose mother tongue is not French, those born outside of Canada or those belonging to a cultural community defined by its ethnic, religious, cultural or other basis, are considered members of a cultural community."

The question is a new one on the form, devised by the former Parti Quebecois government, which set up the province's first cultural communities ministry.

The question was raised by a number of community newspapers in and around Montreal, some of which branded it as "bureaucratic racism."

But Goldbloom, also head of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, disagrees with that assessment.

"Nobody (at CJC) reacted to it quite that strongly. But nobody felt it was well-worded either.

"It's not fair to suggest it was racist. It was just unskilful writing. But I don't believe it should be ignored."

Goldbloom added that CJC is taking a "pragmatic" approach to the issue, agreeing the question is open to positive interpretations as well.

"There's been a good deal of pressure on the Quebec government to hire more minorities. How do you reach out to identifiable entities? How do you identify (minorities) without asking?"

The question, Goldbloom said, could be construed as an effort toward affirmative action by the Quebec government.

As for the inquiry into the applicant's religion, Goldbloom said it is CJC's feeling that such a question does not conform to Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

It will be one of the first tasks of the new government of Premier-designate Robert Bourassa to re-examine such issues, he noted.

Goldbloom, once a cabinet minister under Bourassa in the early 70s, said he didn't feel it was "ideal" for the Parti Quebecois to create a cultural communities ministry in the first place.

But Herbert Marx, a Liberal MNA, said he doesn't find anything unusual about the question.

"If we're going to have an affirmative action program, we're going to have to ask (about people's backgrounds).

"I don't think it's a bad thing."

He said the Quebec Human Rights Commission has informed him that the question is in keeping with the objectives of affirmative action hiring.

Glenna Uline

Uline to CZF post

MONTREAL —

Glenna Uline has been appointed national program director of the Canadian Zionist Federation, CZF president Neri Bloomfield anounced recently.

"Glenna Uline will encourage and facilitate increased colaboration between our various departments and regional offices as well as with other organizations," said Bloomfield.

Uline has served as CZF executive assistant and assistant director of education since February, 1983.

Agudah Israel decries dialogue

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Leaders of the Agudath Israel of America and its Council of Torah Sages delivered scathing attacks on Reform and Conservative Judaism at their recent 63rd national convention.

They strenuously decried any form of dialogue with "the official spiritual leadership" of the two movements but urged Orthodox Jews, nevertheless, to create relationships on a personal level with individual members of Reform and Conservative Judaism who "have been misled by their rabbis to believe that 'you don't have to be Jewish to be a Jew.' "

Rabbi Moshe Sherer, president of Agudath Israel of America, singled out for attack Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform).

He said he was responding to Schindler's attacks on Orthodoxy emanating "from a growing realization among the Reform leaders that their brand of Jewish religion is sterile, and is incapable of bearing children who will remain a living part of the Jewish people."

The theme of the keynote session was Building Bridges and Barriers for the Unity of Klal Yisroel. One speaker, Rabbi Shimon Schwab, told the 3,000 delegates, "There is no bridge between Torah Judaism and any other kind of Judaism," but he and others implored Orthodox Jews to extend themselves personally with Ahavas Yisroel (love of Israel) to reach out to non-observant Jews.

Ross case sent back to police

MONCTON, NB —

There has been a delay in the case of Malcolm Ross, a Moncton teacher who has been accused of promoting hatred against Jews.

Three weeks ago, Ross's file was in the hands of New Brunswick Attorney-General David Clark, who was about to decide if there is enough evidence against Ross to charge him under section 281.2 (2) of the Criminal Code, the section dealing with wilfully promoting hatred against an identifiable group.

But last week, Clark and Robert Murray, director of the province's public prosecutions, passed the file back to the Moncton police force for further investigation.

Murray told The CJN the Moncton force's original investigation about Ross was "incomplete.

"They stopped midstream," Murray said, when New Brunswick's justice department asked the force for the file in order to conduct a preliminary investigation.

Murray would not say what aspects of the Moncton police inquiry were missing and could not estimate how long it would take the force to finish looking into the matter.

Ross, 39, has been accused by Julius Israeli, a Holocaust survivor and retired chemistry professor living in Newcastle, of promoting hatred against Jews by having written three pamphlets that say the Holocaust was a hoax and that there is a Jewish conspiracy to take over the world.

Last summer, Israeli laid the complaint against Ross with the local RCMP, who passed it to Moncton police.

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DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Nili leader — one of four — Yosef Leszansky, and courier Na'aman Belkind were executed by the Turkish authorities as spies on Dec. 16, 1917. The illfated episode of the first modern Jewish military espionage operation in the Holy Land was winding to an end.

The outbreak of World War I in 1914 saw Palestine at the end of four centuries of Ottoman rule a neglected and impoverished backwater illuminated by periodic brilliant and often tragic episodes in Jewish history. It was now the growing member of a national redemption fanned by the Zionist movement in the West and the increasing number of determined settlers from Eastern Europe.

Turkey entered the war as an ally of Germany. To some of the settlers, this represented an opportunity to overthrow a distant and unsympathetic administration manifested locally in corruption, infuriating bureaucracy and often chaos and lawessness.

The Palestine liberation movement crystalized with the Aaronsohn family in the agricultural and winegrowing settlement of Zichron Yaakov. The Aaronsohns and their handful of supporters called themselves Gideonites, after the biblical hero and judge who overthrew Midianite oppression of the Jews. Among their members were Chadera-born Avshalom Feinberg, Yosef Leszansky of Metulla and other rugged Palestine-born romantic idealists. They planned to stage a revolt in Atlit, an ancient port nine miles south of Haifa and the site of a recently planted Jewish settlement, and Caesarea. This would be coordinated with a British invasion.

The Gideonites' operational group called themselves Nili, an acronym of the Hebrew phrase Netzach Israel Lo Yishaker (the Triumph of Israel will not lie, I Samuel 15:29). Aaron Aaronsohn, his sister Sarah, Feinberg and Leszansky were its leaders.

A practical program of providing intelligence to the British, stationed in Egypt, took precedence over the revolt.

Aaronsohn was a gifted and creative agronomist whose agricultural reforms and vision were successively rejected by the local Rothschild administration, the Jewish Colonization Agency and the Zionist agricultural division. He obtained funding for as experimental agricultural station from U.S. philanthropist Julius Rosenwald, which was rapidly attaining great local recognition. In 1915, he originated and administered a campaign against a locust plague, to the delight of ruler Jamal Pasha; he used the freedom of movement allowed him to organize an espionage network and gather intelligence.

In January, 1917, he arrived in Egypt; leading Palestinian Jews exiled there worked on their efforts to raise Jewish battalions independently of him.

Feinberg, who first approached British GHQ with Aaronsohn in 1915, joined Arabs spying for the British in Beersheba. One day he made a lone effort to race across the desert to Egypt due to misinformation passed on to him by the Arabs. He was captured by a Turkish patrol, but released through Aaronsohn's good offices with the Pasha.

A secret summons compelled Feinberg to attempt a desert crossing once again. This time, he took along Leszansky and a Bedouin guide. They almost completed the arduous trip when the guide led them into a band of pro-Turkish Bedouin lying in ambush. Feinberg was killed. Leszansky, wounded, was later found by an Australian patrol, and, after recovery, returned to Sarah.

Sarah, a charming and personable young woman, had apparently fallen in love with Feinberg. Her parents, who associated with top officials and prosperous merchants, frustrated her marriage plans to the penniless romantic youth. Their love deepened as Sarah, married to another, gathered and dispatched by couriers and messenger pigeons accurate data about Turkish and German troops.

In the summer of 1917, the Turks captured a courier and a lost carrier pigeon. They began a countrywide spy hunt. Sarah spurned the offer of rescue by a British warship.

Leszansky attempted to escape overland. Hunted from village to village, he took refuge with a Hashomer (settlement guard) group, who attempted to assassinate him to stop the devastating Turkish manhunt. Fleeing again, he was captured and executed.

Sarah was taken at her post and brutally tortured for four days and nights. She shot herself. Aaronsohn returned to Palestine with the invading British forces to be effectively rejected by Chaim Weizmann and Ze'ev Jabotinsky. He died alone and forsaken in an air crash over the English Channel in May, 1919.

No conspiracy, Deschenes commission told

Files destruction "housecleaning"

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

HULL, Que. —

The grinding of bureaucratic machinery appears to have been responsible for the destruction of thousands of immigration case files in 1981-82.

After a long day of testimony by immigration department and public archives officials at hearings of the Deschenes Commission last week, no evidence emerged of any conspiracy to destroy evidence that could have helped in identifying suspected Nazi war criminals in Canada.

Although witnesses frequently got lost in a welter of file numbers, by the end of the day it was clear that over half of the more than 900 cubic feet of files thought to have been shredded still exist, either in the Federal Archives or in the immigration department.

Commission co-counsel Yves Fortier said that all names on the commission's list of suspects have been checked against existing records.

Destruction of immigration case files has been halted by the commission.

The 1-man commission into Nazi war criminals in Canada, headed by Justice Jules Deschenes, was set up last February, two weeks after Sol Littman, the Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, alleged publicly that Josef Mengele had applied to enter Canada in 1962.

Littman's allegations were the subject of several days of stormy testimony which followed the hearings on the file destruction.

The apparent destruction of tens of thousands of case files became a controversial issue last October, when former Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan testified before the commission.

He said he was "absolutely furious" when he found out early in 1984 that masses of files had been shredded or burned in the fall of 1982 and the spring of 1983.

The timing of the destruction raised suspicions, since it took place just as the Helmut Rauca extradition hearings were underway.

The files, which had been stored for the immigration department by the Public Archives Record Centre (PARC), were transferred back to the department in November, 1980, just as an inter-departmental task force chaired by Martin Low, a senior justice department official, was preparing a report to cabinet on ways of dealing with suspected Nazi war criminals.

Its report, tabled before the Deschenes Commission last July, concluded that immigration files containing evidence that might help to strip suspected war criminals of Canadian citizenship did not exist.

But in a letter to Kaplan, dated April 30, 1984, RCMP Commissioner Robert Simmons implied that the missing files could have contained "crucial" evidence.

The letter also said that RCMP investigators were told that all of the nearly 900 cubic feet of files had been destroyed, except for a tiny 19-cu. ft. sample.

Deputy solicitor-general Fred Gibson, in a confidential memo to Kaplan, said the file destruction was curious and asked whether it might have been "a culpable act or simply a monumental blunder."

But according to witness after witness last week, Immigration regarded the file destruction simply as an enormous housecleaning problem.

According to Marcel Bourgault, chief of recorded information management for the department, a departmental reorganization in 1977-78 led to the disbanding of the unit that decided which files should be kept and which should be destroyed.

(Inactive government files are routinely destroyed according to a schedule that must be approved by Public Archives.)

The job of reviewing the files was added to the responsibilities of another unit, which couldn't cope with the extra work.

To add to the backlog, in 1980, according to Bourgault, PARC asked immigration to take back hundreds of boxes because Archives was running out of room to store files on the department's behalf.

When Bourgault checked out the department's basement storage area after the transfer, "My God, the room was full," he said.

Jim Mullen, Bourgault's immediate superior, testified that when he took over the department early in 1982, one of his top priorities was to clear up the backlog — which he did.

A key point emerged from testimony by a federal archivist and two immigration department employees who have actually read the contents of some of the files.

The research guide to a sample kept by Archives refers to, among other documents, "police reports" and "immigration officers' assessments.

But, said the witnesses, all these documents refer only to a landed immigrant's record after he arrived in Canada — not to his wartime activities.

The question of whether the Low committee verified just what was available in immigration files as it prepared its report was not addressed at the hearing.

Under questioning by David Matas, representing the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada, a number of witnesses testified that they were unaware of the Low committee and that they were never asked to look for evidence that could help war criminal investigations.

After the session, Fortier said that hearings on that question "may yet be to come."

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According to Canadian Press reports, three subsequent days of hearings into Littman's allegations that Mengele may have tried to enter Canada frequently turned into shouting matches between representatives of Jewish groups and Ivan Whitehall, counsel for the government.

During his two days as a witness, Littman was forced by Deschenes to reveal the names of the two officials he had discussed his suspicions with: Al Naylor, a retired immigration officer, and Sgt. Fred Yetter, the RCMP officer in charge of Nazi war criminal investigations.

Littman took full responsibility for raising the allegation. "The conclusions were mine alone."

He admitted that he has been satisfied for some time that Mengele never tried to enter Canada, and that he believes a skeleton found in Brazil this year was Mengele's.

The fireworks erupted when Whitehall said no reasonable man could have reached the conclusion Littman did based on the scanty information in his possession at the time.

He then accused Littman of being a "vigilante."

As representatives of Jewish groups shouted in protest, Deschenes threatened to terminate the hearing, and Whitehall withdrew the remark on the judge's orders.

On Friday, after the hearings adjourned, Irwin Cotler of the Canadian Jewish Congress and Ken Narvey of the Jewish Students' Union, stopped Whitehall.

Cotler told the government counsel that his attack on Littman may have undermined the commission's work.

Following Wednesday's exchange, Matas told reporters that Whitehall's criticism of Littman reflects Ottawa's long-held belief that nothing can or should be done about Nazi war criminals.

Cotler said that, while the furor about Mengele may have given birth to the commission, "this commission and the reason for its existence would still be necessary."

The commission is also responsible for determining whether there are other Nazi war criminals in Canada and, if so, how they might be brought to justice.

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Editorial

Same rationale

Abba Eban said recently that "governments take decisions in the name of interest and defend those decisions in the name of morality."

This dictum seems to apply with particular appropriateness to the Vatican's attitude towards the State of Israel. Despite various pressures over the years the Vatican, which maintains diplomatic relations with 120 different countries, refuses to extend this status to Israel.

Vatican spokesmen, on the rare occasions when they comment on the matter at all, indicate that the papacy's interdict in this affair comes from the fact that the Jewish state's borders are unclear and the status of Jerusalem still unresolved.

The political morality behind this explanation is so ludicrous and inconsistent that it taxes the credulity of even the most fervent supporters of the church.

Diplomatic relations, as one observer notes, "never connote approval or sanction for its particular political arrangements, permanent or temporary. Or does the papacy want us to understand its relations, let us say, with Iran as countenancing the various depredations of Khomeini's regime?"

What then is the real reason for the Vatican's reluctance to recognize the renascent Jewish polity? The answer, of course, is self-interest. The Vatican feels that it must be indulgent towards Arab thuggery (welcoming Yasser Arafat for example) because of the fragile and vulnerable position which Catholics occupy in Arab-Muslim lands.

We understand the Vatican's preference for self-interest over morality when Jews are concerned but we must, as the prophets, speak truth to power: the Vatican's rationale is exactly the same as the one adopted by Pope Pius XII when he refused during the Holocaust to speak out against Nazi barbarism — for fear of endangering the Catholic faithful under Nazi occupation.

Does the Vatican equate the Arab-Muslim world with the Nazis?

Selfless deeds

In a recent issue of The New Republic editor Martin Peretz comments on a recent film which features interviews with Polish peasants explaining why the Jews had to be exterminated. The litany of complaints proferred by these Poles cannot be reproduced here because of its clear anti-semitic resonance.

The writer used this part of the film narrative to demonstrate that to this day Poles are largely uncontrite with regard to the Holocaust and in fact see it as just retribution for the imagined iniquities they perceived in Polish Jews.

Another side to this story, however, comes from the pen of Nechama Tec, a Holocaust survivor and professor at the University of Connecticut.

Prof. Tec has just published a book called When Light Pierced The Darkness: Christians Who Saved Jews in Nazi-Occupied Poland (Oxford). Ms. Tec writes not merely from the perspective of the academic sociologist: she herself "passed" as a Catholic in Poland during the Second World War.

In researching her study Tec visited Poland, Israel and many parts of the United States interviewing rescuers along with the rescued. Without denying the pervasive force of anti-semitism in Poland Tec places it in the context of Polish history, a saga of political disruption, the struggle for independence and occupation by foreigners.

The Connecticut author interviewed some 189 righteous Christians who rescued Jews and points out that only one quarter of them hold that official recognition in Israel.

With the sociologist's precision and the humanist's sensitivity Tec measures the qualities which produced a righteous individual in wartime Poland. She takes those measurements moreover in the context of Poland's pre-war history, Catholicism, class structure, political factionalism and the almost unassimilated Jewish population.

The Poles who demonstrated a love for their fellow Jews in a Poland gripped by a pandemic anti-semitism were an extraordinary group and tribute should be paid to their selfless deeds.

. . . but differences won't fade away

Jordan, Syria try to make up

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Alliances come and go in the Arab world with almost the regularity of the seasons, but the recent Saudi Arabian-mediated rapprochement between Jordan and Syria is still an extraordinary event by the standards of the region.

Jordan and Syria, which broke diplomatic relations five years ago after nearly going to war, have held a series of meetings on the prime ministerial level since September. And judging by the results, the two nations have embarked on what seems like a new era in their often stormy relationship.

Following intensive discussions in Riyadh and Damascus, Jordan and Syria have agreed to exchange ambassadors, to lift trade restrictions, and to work toward a Middle East peace conference under the sponsorship of the United Nations. In a joint statement after their third meeting, the Syrian and Jordanian prime ministers also rejected what they described as "partial or unilateral solutions and direct negotiations with Israel."

And, in what observers interpret as a bold gesture of King Hussein's interest in reconciliation, Zeid Rifai, the Jordanian prime minister, invited Syrian President Hafez Assad to Jordan, "his second homeland."

On the surface, Jordan's new-found friendship with Syria is astonishing. There hasn't been such a startling volte face in Arab politics since the late summer of 1984, when Morocco and Libya, with their two diametrically clashing visions, signed a memorandum of understanding.

But as sudden and surprising as Jordan's rapprochement with Syria may appear, it would be premature to conclude that the rulers of these respective countries have shed their differences. King Hussein is a traditional Islamic monarch with a strong pro-Western orientation, while Hafez Assad, the Soviet Union's chief Arab ally, remains wedded to republicanism and secularism. King Hussein, for all his harsh criticism of Israeli policy, desires a settlement with Israel. Hafez Assad's commitment to peace is questionable. King Hussein looks to Yasser Arafat as the voice of the Palestinians. Hafez Assad detests Arafat as a representative of the Palestinian cause, and has done his utmost to unseat him.

Why, in spite of such problems, have Jordan and Syria chosen the path of reconciliation?

For the moment, both sides have clear and definite interests in ending their bitter rivalry.

Because it has so few natural resources, so small a population and is surrounded by powerful adversaries, Jordan, when possible, prefers to align its foreign policy with influential Arab regimes. This is the paramount goal of Jordanian policy. But in his haste to be at one with his Arab "brothers," King Hussein has had reason to be sorry on occasion.

Against his better judgment, King Hussein joined Egypt and Syria in the Six Day War. The mistake cost him the West Bank, which had been Jordan's breadbasket. Despite this disaster, Jordan took part in the Yom Kippur War. But, in an effort to minimize his losses, King Hussein contributed only a token force to the battlefield. At a 1974 Arab summit, in Rabat, Jordan accepted the decision to designate the PLO as the sole legitimate spokesman of the Palestinians, even though King Hussein would have preferred to negotiate with Israel for the return of the West Bank. In 1978, a year after Egyptian President Anwar Sadat went to Jerusalem on his historic mission, King Hussein severed ties with Egypt. Six years would elapse before he rectified this error.

King Hussein

The victim of numerous assassination attempts, King Hussein clearly does not want to be a martyr. Abdullah, his grandfather, was assassinated by Palestinian gunmen in the wake of rumors that he would negotiate a separate peace with Israel. Sadat was killed by Egyptian Moslem fundamentalists who, in addition to despising his internal policies, hated his 1979 peace treaty with Israel. King Hussein apparently has drawn the appropriate conclusions.

Viewed from this perspective, Jordan's desire to coopt Syria into the peace process becomes clearer. King Hussein simply does not want to go out on a limb and antagonize neighboring Syria at a time when prospects for an Arab-Israeli settlement have improved. By drawing Syria into peace talks, Jordan can justify an agreement with Israel. Yet, as King Hussein realizes, the attainment of peace becomes dimmer with Hafez Assad in the ring. The king believes he can somehow resolve this glaring contradiction.

King Hussein has other motives as well. By drawing closer to Assad, Arafat's nemesis, he places additional pressure on the PLO chieftain to be flexible and reasonable toward a settlement. King Hussein also hopes to ease tensions between Syria and Iraq, and to bring Egypt fully back into the Arab fold. Last but not least, the Jordanian ruler needs Assad's cooperation to prevent a Syrian military strike against the Israeli garrison on the Golan Heights. If such a conflict were to erupt, Jordan might unvoluntarily be dragged in.

Syria's objectives in forging better relations with Jordan are just as weighty. Syria wants to break out of its isolation in the Arab world. With the exception of Libya, South Yemen and Algeria, Syria is on poor terms with the member states of the Arab League. Assad, too, hopes to wean Jordan away from Arafat, and he believes that he can place the Golan Heights on the diplomatic agenda if Jordan backs him to the hilt. By contrast, some analysts argue that Syria's sole objective is to scuttle peace talks.

Finally, Syria wants Jordan to stop supporting Syrian members of the Moslem Brotherhood, which is at war with the regime in Damascus.

In this respect, Syria has already dealt a devastating blow to the Moslem Brotherhood. King Hussein, for the first time, has publicly acknowledged the truth of Syrian accusations that saboteurs used Jordanian territory to subvert Syria. And Jordan, in a demonstration of its good intentions, has rounded up about 250 of the Moslem Brothers.

Jordan's new attitude to the Moslem Brotherhood is far different than it was throughout the 1970s and early 1980s. After its much-vaunted 1975 economic and political union with Syria collapsed, Jordan knowingly destabilized Syria by backing Syrian Islamic fundamentalists opposed to the secular Arab nationalism practiced by Hafez Assad. Such were Syrian-Jordanian recriminations that, in the waning months of 1980, Syria and Jordan massed tens of thousands of troops on their common border, and just barely avoided fullscale hostilities.

Syria and Jordan again drifted toward war when, in February of 1981, Amman accused Damascus of having masterminded the kidnapping of a Jordanian diplomat in Beirut, and of plotting the assassination of Jordan's prime minister. So brittle was the atmosphere that a leading Jordanian politician declared that Jordan's rift with Syria could not be ended "by mediation... or a mere handshake."

In the following months, tension rose even more when Syria and Jordan hurled additional accusations at each other. Syria threatened to invade Jordan if it joined the Camp David peace process. This was no idle threat, since Syria had invaded northern Jordan in 1970. Jordan, in turn, charged Syria with trying to polarize the Middle East, attacked the role of Syrian peacekeeping troops in Lebanon and held Syria responsible for the crushing defeat suffered by the Arabs in the Six Day War.

By this juncture, Syria and Jordan were on opposite sides in the Gulf War pitting Iraq against Iran. What was particularly galling to Syria was that its longtime foe, Iraq, was being supported militarily, politically and economically by Jordan.

Furthermore, to Syria's chagrin, Jordan reestablished ties with Egypt — a pariah in Syrian eyes — and signed an accord with Arafat to coordinate Jordanian and PLO policy in the search for a peace settlement.

Despite the most recent developments in their mercurial relationship, Jordan and Syria are still seriously at odds over these issues. And they will not fade away. But Jordan and Syria, recognizing that they have more to gain by making up, seem determined to carry on with their rapprochement.

If King Hussein and Hafez Assad succeed in reforging cordial ties, more than their bilateral relations will change. For what happens in Amman and Damascus must ultimately affect every country in the area, including Israel.

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Opinion

Father's picture a constant reminder

Ambassador Lewis is still pursuing his convictions

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

NEW YORK —

A small black-and-white picture hangs next to the door in the office of the Canadian ambassador to the United Nations.

It shows the ambassador with his father, one of Canada's most beloved political figures and the only Jew ever to lead a national party in this country.

Every time Stephen Lewis leaves his office across the park from the still-gleaming UN headquarters building, he sees that photograph. It is a constant reminder that he was raised with the love, the principles, and the political faith of David Lewis, leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada.

Fourteen months as the representative of a Conservative government have not dimmed his socialist convictions, the former leader of Ontario's New Democrats says.

"I haven't changed my ideological views. I haven't mellowed — in the sense that mellowing means accommodating positions which run counter to my principles.

"I'm doing a different job. I'm not an active politician in a legislature and the job requires a different comportment.

"I don't think of it in terms of mellowing or not mellowing. I just think of pursuing one's convictions in a different arena. I've done that all my life.

"I've pursued convictions politically, I've pursued them through the media, I've pursued them through labor arbitrations, where every arbitration was for me evidence of a class struggle and I pursue it now through diplomacy."

During his tenure as Ontario's NDP leader — and as leader of the Opposition during the 1975-77 Conservative minority government — Lewis was famous for his eloquence.

He can still be vitriolic. In his attack on the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan, delivered during a debate in the UN General Assembly, Lewis charged that "the Soviet Union continues to believe that nihilism is preferable to negotiation; that butchery is preferable to bargaining."

His description of the 1975 UN resolution condemning Zionism as a form of racism is scathing.

It was, he says, "the nadir of civilized debate in the United Nations. . . It was a thoroughly offensive and disreputable resolution which . . . gave comfort and encouragement to anti-semitism the world round.

"That resolution was one of those sad and awful moments in the history of this international organization."

But Lewis the diplomat takes pains to point out that this is now 1985, not 1975 — and there has been an appreciable change in the UN since then.

"Israel is no longer on the defensive," he says.

As an example, he points to the annual exercise of attempting to deny Israel's credentials. This year Canada, represented by Lewis, chaired the credentials committee.

The motion to deny accreditation to Israel was co-sponsored by 18 Arab bloc countries (Egypt, Jordan and Oman were not among the 18); in 1984 it was sponsored only by Iran.

Nevertheless, it received only the same number of favorable votes — 41.

"It says something about their influence in the UN General Assembly," Lewis says, "that a resolution supported by 18 allegedly reputable (states)— rather than one clearly disreputable — would command only the same number of votes."

And his voice rises in emphasis as he talks about the invitation to PLO leader Yasser Arafat to participate in the UN's 40th anniversary celebrations held several weeks ago.

"Well, I mean," Lewis says, gesturing with his pipe, "it was absolutely and totally shot down. There was a sense in the United Nations that if that ever happened, this place might not survive. It would take years to repair the damage done."

Ambassador Stephen Lewis

As secretary of the committee in charge of the arrangements, Canada, again represented by Lewis, played a major role in the withdrawal of the invitation (CJN, Oct. 31).

Lewis attributes the growing support for Israel to, first of all, the appointment of Binyamin Netanyahu as ambassador.

He is, says Lewis, "a remarkably skilled and able ambassador.

"While he is pugnacious, he is also very persuasive. He assembles his arguments quickly and handles them well. So he's made quite an impact on this place."

Another reason, Lewis says, is a growing sense of moderation among at least some of the Arab states.

"There is recognition of the peace process, there is recognition of the impatience of some of the Western world with the behavior of other countries towards Israel — an impatience on Canada's part, on the Nordic (nations') part, on the part of the European Economic Community."

And finally, says Lewis, there is Israel's stand on apartheid, enunciated during a General Assembly debate on apartheid by Netanyahu.

The Israeli ambassador said that it was against Jewish values and called on the South African government to end the system.

Netanyahu scored a compelling point when he noted that Arab countries, who condemn Israel for its ties with South Africa, are doing more trade and more dealings with the Pretoria government than Israel does — including selling South Africa 95% of its oil.

"This is important, this denunciation of apartheid . . . It's the rejection of the Zionist/South African/racism equation. It's the documentation of those others who are trading clandestinely."

The issue of apartheid is one that Lewis feels passionately about.

As a teacher in Africa in the early 60s, he lived for some time with Dr. Leslie Rubin, the last white senator representing Blacks in the now-defunct South African Senate.

Lewis understands the concern of those Jews who are afraid of putting South Africa's Jewish community in jeopardy by speaking out on apartheid — but he does not share it.

He speaks slowly, emphasizing almost every word. "I think that on these great moral issues, particularly given the Jewish experience, none of us should hesitate to speak out strongly."

Now is the time, he believes. There is a growing international feeling that putting pressure on at this time could influence the Pretoria government.

"If it is a (Jewish) community in South Africa which has moral integrity, and realizes the excesses of the apartheid system, it should not feel compromised by Jews elsewhere speaking against apartheid," he says.

The Israeli government clearly thought through any possible backlash for South Africa's Jews before Netanyahu made his speech, Lewis says.

"If there is a horrible convulsion in South Africa and there are awful consequences for the white populations, the Jews of South Africa will suffer as all whites will suffer. Then they become white and not Jewish. But short of that horror, I don't think there is a serious risk."

In his widely-reported address to the United Nations during the 40th anniversary celebrations, Canada's Prime Minister, Brian Mulroney, came out strongly against apartheid.

His ambassador was very happy.

This is an example, Lewis says, of how his own convictions and those of his government mesh.

At the United Nations, he points out, the perception prevalent back home that Canada's policies are increasingly being shaped by Mulroney's desire for closer relations with the United States simply doesn't hold up.

On the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI or Star Wars), "we said no, the government wouldn't participate.

"We vote differently than the U.S. on fully a third of the resolutions that come before the arms control and disarmament committee. We support all the resolutions condemning the violations of human rights in Guatemala and Chile and El Salvador.

"The U.S. threatens to exercise punitive action against the United Nations by cutting back its budget; I made a budget statement ten days ago in which we said unequivocally that we want no part of that. It's destructive of multilateralism."

And with a deftness that recalls the politician, not the diplomat, he bounces responsibility for Canada's agreement to test U.S. Cruise missiles back to the previous Liberal administration in Canada.

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It's been almost a decade since Lewis left active politics. With his flawless diction, his impressive vocabulary, his almost professorial air, it's easier to imagine him as an ambassador speaking in the General Assembly than shaking hands at the factory gate as the 6 a.m. shift goes in.

He's done both. The link, which reaches beyond him to the man in the picture on the wall, is the passion for what he perceives to be right: dismantling apartheid, condemning the Soviet presence in Afghanistan, fighting as a labor arbitrator for the rights of striking workers.

"I have felt all my life that where evil exists, you confront it."

Japanese Israeli bridges two cultures

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

Tomoko Nakamura was born in Nagasaki 10 years after the atomic bomb had been dropped on that city. Naturally, her life was influenced by that terrible tragedy, which some have referred to as the Japanese equivalent of the Holocaust.

She came from a good Buddhist home. Her father was an engineer. Tomoko had heard of the Jews, but had never seen one. Indeed, her first Jew was a young sabra by the name of Amnon Josting, who had gone to Japan to study judo and karate and remained on for three years, during which he taught Hebrew and Bible to members of the pro-Israel Makoya sect.

The petite, smiling Japanese girl was attracted to the dashing, impetuous and handsome Israeli, and the feelings were mutual. When she told her parents that the two wished to get married, she told us, they went into a state of shock. It was not because Amnon was Jewish . . . Christian was all the same to them. It was because he was not Japanese. The couple was insistent, and a Buddhist marriage ceremony took place.

Eight years ago the two came to Israel and settled on a farm in the village of Bnai Zion where Amnon had been raised. Here they have reared three children, established themselves in the community, and have set up what Tomoko tells us is the biggest bonsai farm in the world, not exceeding Japan, to raise dwarf trees. Their greenhouses cover several acres of land, and the products are exported to many countries in Europe, where the attractive midget potted trees have become extremely popular.

Though it was a matter of indifference to the free-thinking Josting, Tomoko decided to follow the example of Ruth the Moabitess. Her kitchen has been koshered, and she is now following a rigorous course in Judaism given by a rabbi's wife who lives in nearby Kfar Saba. The rabbis have been impressed by her determination and her obvious sincerity.

The adjustment to Israel was a great cultural shock for her, which she appears to have overcome without any great problems. She has met with kindness, warmth and understanding on every hand.

"No hostility, no antagonism, no unfriendliness?" we inquired.

"None," she replied, "only curiosity."

Our interview with her was conducted entirely in Hebrew, which she spoke freely and fluently. Of course she went to an ulpan, but how did she manage to pick up the language so quickly, when other new immigrants have great difficulty? Very simple, she explained, other newcomers always have someone they can speak to in English or German or Spanish — but who speaks Japanese in Israel? Of necessity she acquired proficiency.

She talks Japanese to her children, Jonathan, Naama and Mika, so that they may communicate with their saba and safta in Japan, and though they understand her, they usually reply in Hebrew. Her parents have visited here and were greatly impressed. They had been under the impression that they would hear shooting all the time.

Busily engaged with her husband in administering the bonsai nursery, Tomoko has found her services in demand on another front. Trade and commercial relations between Israel and Japan are on the verge of a great expansion, and Israel's ministry of trade and industry has found that the pretty girl from Bnai Zion is also personable and intelligent. She makes an ideal guide for Japanese businessmen visiting the country, and at the same time is able to advise Israelis on the psychology of how to do business with her former countrymen.

For example, some Israeli industrialists have expressed disappointment that Japanese businessmen with whom they were conducting negotiations, backed out of the deals after apparently agreeing to the proposed terms. Tomoko patiently explains that one must understand the basic politeness of the Japanese. They will never say "no" if they think it will hurt the feelings of another. When they nod their heads, as if in assent, and keep saying "yes" to proposals, they mean, "Yes, I have heard you," and not "Yes, I agree."

Tomoko has a great deal of explaining to do, and she has willing listeners. In the meantime she also offers a translation service — Japanese-English-Hebrew.

One thing is certain: she has no competition. Outside of the Japanese embassy, there are no more than a bare handful of Japanese living in Israel. And when Tomoko completes her formal conversion to Judaism, and finds more time to devote to the culture of the bonsai, the midget trees, observers could well say: "What kind of occupation is that for a nice Jewish girl?"

UNITY SNOOZE

A photographer snapped this picture of Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Prime Minister Shimon Peres catching up on their sleep during a particularly boring session of the Knesset. [IPPA photo]

Opinion

"A kind of collective guilt"

Author Mulisch mirrors Dutch wartime suffering

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Universally acknowledged as Holland's most important — and revered — postwar writer, Harry Mulisch is a mirror of the suffering his country underwent during the Nazi occupation.

Novelist, poet, playwright and essayist, Mulisch says quite plainly, "It isn't so much that I went through the Second World War. I *am* the Second World War."

Mulisch, who was here recently to attend Harbourfront's International Festival of Authors, has published more than 35 books, including eight novels, since he began writing during the war, a time in his life clouded by confusion and tragedy.

Born in the Dutch city of Haarlem in 1929, Mulisch is the product of a mixed marriage. His Belgian mother, Alice Schwarz, was Jewish. His father, a Hungarian Protestant who immigrated to Holland in 1921, grew up in Vienna. His parents were divorced in 1936, and Mulisch went to live with his father. Such is his background that Mulisch once sardonically described himself as "a descendant of an international potpourri of nomads."

Mulisch's father worked for Jewish bankers who fled to Britain in 1940 after the German army conquered Holland. With his employers gone, he lost his job. By chance, he became personnel director of a confiscated Jewish bank under German control where Dutch Jews deposited their valuables before being deported.

After the war, he was charged with collaboration, and imprisoned. "He spent three years in jail waiting for his trial, but he was never convicted," said Mulisch in an interview.

Mulisch claims that his father, who died a pauper in 1957, was not deliberately a collaborator, since he had no idea what he was getting into. And, he points out, he was not a hater by nature. As Mulisch puts it: "He was not an anti-semite, let alone a fascist. He saved my mother, who had been arrested by the German security service, and he saved me."

Mulisch, being half-Jewish, was not in as much danger as the fully Jewish members of his family. "I wasn't Jewish enough to be gassed, but I was too Jewish to work as a forced laborer in a German factory."

In the course of the Nazi occupation, nine out of 10 Dutch Jews were exterminated. Two of the victims — his grandmother and great-grandmother on his mother's side — were killed in the Sobibor concentration camp.

During the war, while the Dutch Jewish community was being eradicated, Mulisch lived as normal a life as was possible under the circumstances. Not being compelled to wear the demeaning yellow Jewish star because the Nazis were too busy rounding up full Jews, he led a sort of charmed existence amid tremendous fear and deprivation.

He had an inkling the Germans were mistreating the Jews, but he never imagined what was really going on. "We didn't know anything. There was a total lack of information."

During this dark period, Mulisch went to school. Often, however, he stayed at home, where he read and jotted down his thoughts. He says he did not experience the sting of anti-semitism in Holland but, ironically, in the U.S. Several years after the war, when he was visiting his mother in her new home in San Francisco, someone rudely remarked on his prominent aquiline nose.

Mulisch, who lives in old Amsterdam today, began to write when he was 16, and he redoubled his efforts to be a writer after his father's imprisonment. His first book, *Archibald Strobalm*, was published in 1951. A novel about a man who wants to redeem the world, it is now into its tenth edition.

A tall, slim man with wavy gray hair and a bemused manner, Mulisch has won numerous literary prizes since he launched himself as an author. Not surprisingly, some of his bestsellers deal with the war. *The Assault*, which critic Mary McCarthy has called "a cool, brilliant modern horror story told... with uncanny precision," has sold 300,000 copies. *The Stone Bridal Bed*, which revolves around the return of an American pilot to the German city he bombed, is now into its 28th printing.

Harry Mulisch

Mulisch, whose style is characterized by clarity and precision, combining original ideas and a certain playfulness, lives well from his writing. All told, he said, his books have been bought by more than 1.5 million readers. And they have been translated into Hebrew and English and 11 other languages.

As he tells it, he never had doubts that he would be successful. "At the age of 15, I was telling people I would be famous. No, I never doubted I would be a writer. Self-confidence is part of my talent."

Mulisch's formal education came to an abrupt end in high school, but he does not feel that his lack of schooling impaired him. Writing, he explains, was second nature to him. "You can't *learn* how to write. Writers' courses are silly. Has a real writer ever come out of one? You have it or you don't have it."

Part of Mulisch's popularity may have something to do with the fact that World War II impacted so strongly on Holland. "There's a great interest in this subject in Holland. And behind this there is a kind of collective guilt about the fate of the Jews."

According to Mulisch, the Dutch people are not guiltless. They hated the German occupation and generally felt badly about the fate of their Jewish fellow citizens. But, he emphasizes, 80% collaborated, or at least acquiesced, until the tide turned against the Germans. "When it became apparent that the Germans would lose the war, 80% were in the Resistance."

The father of two daughters, Mulisch considers himself an agnostic, and is not involved in Jewish communal affairs. "I am not religious in any sense, but, for the rabbis in Mea Shearim, I am a Jew," he said.

Still, he does not regard Israel — which he has visited — as just another country. "It is a haven just in case... And, given the Holocaust, I'm very happy that the Israelis can shoot back."

Goal of demonstrations in Washington

Arrests bring focus on the plight of Soviet Jews

By
JON GREENE
WASHINGTON (JSPS) —

"We are showing the Refuseniks that there are not only people who care, but people who are willing to take the consequence of arrest and punishment," says Rabbi Gary Fink, a demonstrator coordinator for the Washington Board of Rabbis Soviet Jewry Committee. Since last May, the committee has sponsored six demonstrations on behalf of Soviet Jewry which resulted in arrests.

One of the goals of the demonstrations is to bring greater hope to Refuseniks and prisoners of conscience. Thanks to the Voice of America, which broadcasts news of the arrests, "that very night the Refuseniks know," says Rabbi Fink. Despite Soviet attempts to block transmission, the Voice of America is heard throughout much of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

Rabbi Bruce Kahn, another demonstration coordinator, mentioned the second goal of the demonstrations: raising the consciousness of the Jewish and general communities. "After the first arrest, we spent an hour on a radio program; we have television coverage and stories in the general press."

Fink said he feels that the Jewish community has focused "a tremendous amount of attention" on the issue.

A third goal, states Rabbi M. Oler, chairman of the Soviet Jewry Action Committee, is "to have an impact on the American government in terms of making human rights and Soviet Jewry a greater priority on the agenda of negotiations with the Soviets." Hence, the largest number of arrests took place on the Sunday before the recent summit meeting between President Reagan and Soviet Premier Gorbachev.

Putting the protests into historical perspective, Oler points out that "more could have been done to influence the American government during the Holocaust." Oler mentions possible attempts to have the Allies bomb the train tracks to Auschwitz, once the Jewish community learned of the Holocaust. "We should act with greater resolve to try to influence government policy. We should learn from history."

The fourth goal is to directly influence the Soviet government. Dr. Jack Minker, professor of computer science at the University of Maryland, is a longtime activist for human rights. He said that he feels that the Soviet Union is not abiding by the 1975 Helsinki Accords for human rights. "They are not abiding by human rights. They have trumped-up charges against Scharansky. He has no business being in the gulag (penal system). It is important that the Soviet government knows that people care about human rights."

"The Soviet Union is embarrassed by the protests," asserts Kahn. "We are confronting the Soviet Union with her misdeeds.

Not every member of the Washington Jewish community is committed to the arrests. Many have chosen not to be arrested for reasons ranging from maintaining high security clearance to arranging for travel visas to the Soviet Union. The Washington Jewish Community Council has decided not to endorse the arrests as well.

Rabbi Sidney Schwartz, director of the Washington Jewish Community Council, has emphasized a respectful disagreement on strategy with the Board of Rabbis. "The Jewish Community Council has always believed that lawful activity is the best course of action on behalf of Soviet Jewry. We don't feel the arrest is an act of civil disobedience. They are trying to protest against the Soviet Union, but they are breaking only American law," he said.

Rabbi Jack Luxemborg, the first person arrested in the first demonstration in May, passes judgment on the effectiveness of these efforts. "I think that they (the rabbis) have had good results up to this point, but there is no ongoing discussion. As this goes on, the range of opinion is beginning to diversify. Not every member (of the Board of Rabbis) is an active participant. Are we sure we're doing the right thing?" he asks.

"I see what we're doing as street theatre, political drama," continues Luxemberg. "But the play is not the thing. We have to be careful that the representation doesn't overshadow the reality of the condition of Jews in the Soviet Union."

Preparing the next generation

Children require example of tzedakah

By
RABBI HAIM KEMELMAN
(Beth Shalom Congregation, Edmonton)

Once upon a synagogue day, I noticed an elderly person saying Kaddish. After doing so repeatedly day after day, I politely asked the aging gentleman: "Could you please tell me for whom you are saying Kaddish?"

"Rabbi," he replied to me somewhat sadly, "I am saying Kaddish for myself. For when I'm gone, I don't know if there will be anyone to recite the Kaddish after me."

There is a poignant observation, rather sobering, in the man's concern over his children caring enough to say Kaddish in his memory.

It reflects, as well, on the larger issue of our Jewish heritage: will our children carry on the traditional values we inherited from our fathers and mothers, with a force of conviction to bequeath them unto our children?

One of the most cherished traditions in Judaism, is tzedakah or rather philanthropy. For tzedakah, coming from the root word tzedek, means justice or righteousness. Throughout the generations, Jewish involvement in the help of a needy brother or a just cause was considered not simply a charity of alms, but a privilege for those more fortunate among us who are blessed with more to share of their gifts with others less fortunate. It was plainly a human right and act of righteousness to be generous materially, in solidarity and empathy toward others.

"Tzedakah tatzil mimovet," the idea that charity can redeem us from death — surely rescuing endangered, starving lives from dying — is a redeeming grace of our Jewish tradition and values.

To redeem a "shavooi," one impressed and persecuted was an imperative of such nobility that even a Sefer Torah could be sold for that purpose if absolutely necessary.

But what about the next generation of our children? Are they tutored and imbued with the essential principle of tzedakah, as it was practiced by our fathers and mothers throughout the generations and by our own people today?

Who will save and keep the works of righteousness of the UJA, the Federation, the Israel Bonds drive, the JNF after us?

It will take education and emulation of the present generation. We can best teach our children about right and wrong, righteousness and charity by the example of our own living and giving.

Nevertheless, I would recommend a plan for the young — children and youth — to become direct participants by taking whatever part of their allowance, or (even what parents designate for them to give individually), thus making them grow up in an atmosphere of solidarity and in the mitzvah of sharing and contributing to worthy causes as a sacred value of Jewish life.

The elderly man who said Kaddish for himself was desperate about his children's solidarity to Jewish life and the honor of the traditions of a father's life after his death.

We can do better. We can make sure that our children will share with us in the glories of our sacred traditional institutions by becoming an integral part with us in involvement.

We can begin with a drive by the young, for the young, in the oldest tradition, of exercising one of the most sacred of Jewish values, namely tzedakah, nay tzedek — the privilege of being among the benefactors of righteousness. We may begin at home, with our own local charities and worthy causes. For charity begins at home and takes a leap into the next generation.

Opinion

Chanukah gift: Two columns for the price of one

By
J. B. SALSBERG

My beloved readers — As I said to you a week ago, the Jewish people and the world at large are deprived of my wise counsel because this august publication appears only once a week. The world is the loser, of course. However, this being Chanukah week I desire (the editor permitting) to present to all of you my personal Chanukah gift in the form of two (only slightly truncated) columns for the price of one. So, accept my gift, please, and enjoy, enjoy for a Happy Chanukah.

J.B. Salsberg

But, as they used to say at Jewish meetings in North America: "Before I begin to speak I would like to say a few words."

I think that we should all be thankful to our glorious forefathers and to our historians for having blessed us with such a winter occasion as Chanukah to celebrate, to be prideful and to enjoy precisely at the time when our neighbors and, most important, our neighbors' children are having the time of their lives with Santa Clauses, Christmas gifts, Christmas trees, school recesses, etc. etc. Can you imagine our "Moyshelech un Shloymelech" (as Bialik called our yingelech) and our "Sorelech and Dvoyrelech" (as I would call our techterlech) without our own counterpart to Christmas . . . without the fun and joy of Chanukah, which continues for a whole week?

Thank heaven for Chanukah! No Jewish community in the world is in greater need of the most spectacular Chanukahs every "Christmas season" than are the Jews of North America, which includes Canada, of course. Once again . . . thank our history for the great gift of Chanukah!

Oh, yes, and remember that traditionally there were no "Chanukah gifts," there was only "Chanukah gelt," which was translated into pennies every night of Chanukah and even dreidlech were made of wood or, later, of tin.

So, once again, a happy, traditional Chanukah!

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Now for the promised gift that consists of two slightly abbreviated columns for the price of one.

1. **The passing of Herbert Levy, the long-time leader of B'nai B'rith in Canada.** He was born in the U.S., (Brooklyn, to be precise) raised there and came to Canada (in 1968) to assume the important office of chief executive officer of the Canadian branch of the U.S. section of B'nai B'rith, the worldwide Jewish service organization, when he was in the prime of his life. He became completely integrated in the Canadian Jewish scene and, in my view, he made a very significant contribution not only to BB but to the entire Jewish field of activity.

I was impressed by his outreach to every area of our communal life soon after he arrived. He took B'nai B'rith into the midst of Jewish life and he consciously tried to link BB with all major Canadian Jewish Congress activities. I recall the time when I acted as the chairman of the Congress Committee for Soviet Jewry in greater Toronto. It was Herbert Levy who had asked me to act also as chairman of the BB committee for Soviet Jews, so as to coordinate our activities. I did, indeed, serve as chairman of both committees to the benefit of the historic tasks that the worldwide Jewish community had undertaken.

If for no other reason than the one I focus attention on at this moment, it is also to emphasize the need of returning to the concept of the late Herbert Levy in regards to the Canadian B'nai B'rith's role within the larger Canadian Jewish setting — which is primarily the domain of Canadian Jewish Congress, but within which BB should be consciously and extensively integrated. Blessed be the memory of Herbert Levy. Blessed be the builders of unity. . . .

2. **Changing patterns of North American Jewish life.** As all dedicated readers of this column know well I frequently try to warn of the massive hemorrhaging that North American Jewish society experiences. This overriding fact of life is frequently ignored by those who focus their attention almost exclusively on their own particular piece of religious or ideological territory.

A few days ago I received the most recent issue of the publication of the Jewish Family & Child Service of Metro Toronto, Family Affairs. In it, Gordon Wolfe, the director of JF & CS, offers the following facts of Jewish life in the U.S. (we in Canada are usually not far behind our American confreres.)

In the U.S.: one of every three Jewish children will be raised by one parent; ⅓ of Jewish college students will marry "out of our faith;" two out of every five Jewish children will have "no Jewish education" of any kind.

These sobering facts are only a few of a long list. . . .

So? So, so. Nu? Nu, nu.

In the meantime — a Happy Chanukah!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signature.

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SAYS WE'RE ANTI-PYGMY RACISTS

Your Nov. 21 editorial entitled "Bad Leadership contains a racist reference to a proud African people, the Pygmies. Good taste and ethical consciousness dictate that you publish a public apology — without reservation.

In the editorial, you describe the leaders of various Arab regimes as "pygmies." Because the Pygmies are of genetically small stature, your comment implies that the Arab leaders are small-minded. Rather than having insulted the Pygmy nation, you might have used the expression "small-minded" or some other non-racist description.

The Pygmies have an inborn defect in their ability to grow beyond about 4½ feet. They reside primarily in the Ituri Forest of northeast Zaire and are also found in the neighboring countries of Burundi and Rwanda.

Pygmy is also a term applied to any of the Negrito peoples of the Philippines, Andaman Islands and Malaya. To use the genetic difference of a group of human beings as a means of pejorative innuendo against another group of human beings is inexcusable.

This writer recognizes that some dictionaries (not all) in their list of meanings of pygmy include (questionably) as a definition the characteristic of smallness or of small power or ability. But Jews, particularly, must be sensitive to real or implied expressions of racism regardless of the source and the target.

We know only too well how the word "Jew" has been used by anti-semites to impute a variety of unsavory characteristics (these, too, can be found in some dictionaries).

The Canadian Jewish News should not be a vehicle for disseminating racial discrimination.

Dr. Jerald Bain
Toronto

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HUSBAND REALLY TO BLAME?

Re Ron Csillag's Nov. 21 article about a cancer-racked mother apparently abandoned by a husband with a criminal record who is paying her $200 a week for support of their two children:

The story was headed "Woman's dark, sad story almost defies belief." Reading it brought feelings of disbelief, indeed!

It is so unusual for The CJN to involve itself in fund raising for such an individual case when there are so many charitable organizations to which this woman can turn.

You have certainly aroused my curiosity. With bated breath, I await Mr. Csillag's report on the husband's side of this story in a future issue.

Florence E. Nepon
St. Catharines, Ont.

Ron Csillag replies:

"The woman's story is indeed one that evokes disbelief. I personally had difficulty in believing it as well, until I met her and spent an afternoon talking with her. It is rare for The CJN to go to bat for an individual, but, obviously, the paper felt it was worthwhile in this case.

"There is no need to wait with bated breath for the husband's side of the story, as it will likely be carried in a future issue of The CJN."

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IRKED BY NON-KOSHER ADS

It has always disturbed me that The Canadian Jewish News accepted advertisements from non-kosher establishments.

I have learned that The Jewish Chronicle in London, England now has a policy that any non-kosher establishments advertised in their paper will be clearly identified as being non-kosher.

This is certainly a step in the right direction. I do believe that The Canadian Jewish News should follow this lead and do no less.

Perhaps one day we will put our principles and beliefs before the dollar sign. But, until that day arrives, certain minimum standards must be maintained for the purpose of our own self-respect.

Rabbi Moshe Stern
Toronto

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Moshe Dayan...Reader condemns daughter of the late Israeli leader for "besmirching" her father's name in recent book.

DAYAN'S DAUGHTER TARNISHES NAME

Re Sheldon Kirshner's Nov. 28 book review headed "Dayan's daughter exposes hero's dark underside":

The book by Yael Dayan Sion, *My Father, His Daughter*, reveals the deeply sunken moral and ethical wisdom of both father and daughter.

It is indeed sad to learn that a man who held in his hands the key to Israel's destiny for many years had spent a significant part of his life in emptiness, pursuing his own lust and desires without the least regard for traditional moral values.

It is thus little wonder that a daughter, who has grown up with such examples, in an environment void of real substance, could find no other means to express her "honesty" beside besmirching her father's name through exposure of his "dark underside" to the world.

Furthermore, it is as unfortunate as it is ironical that the man who has been considered a soldier throughout his political career had no power to instil in his own child the minimal amount of decency and sensitivity required to understand that some respect for her father — especially when he is no longer in a position to defend himself — should take priority over her desire to write a famous book.

The whole regrettable story could serve as an eye-opener to those who put their trust in such guidance and leadership and finally ask the age-old question, "From where will my help come?" (Psalm 121).

As for you, dear author of the book review and Mr. Editor, I want you to believe me that by writing and printing that story you have *not* added one bit of pride or honor to our people.

G. Feinstat
Toronto

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SAYS RABBI REWRITES HISTORY

Re the Nov. 21 article by Rabbi Bernard S. Raskas headed "Mussolini's stance on Jews was deceitful, opportunistic":

Rabbi Raskas apparently is out to rewrite history. How else is one supposed to regard his statement: "There were very few Italian Jews in the fascist system?"

The historical truth testifies to the fact that there was an inordinately high number of Italians of the Hebrew faith, as well as of Italians of Hebrew descent, both within the National Fascist Party of Italy and the Italian governmental/military services during the Mussolini era.

Prof. Raoul Hilberg quoted a figure of 43,118 Italian Jews who were still in Italy by the end of 1941, as well as a total of 7,304 who, by the middle of October, 1941, had emigrated from Italy.

Add to this some 7,000 Roman Catholics of immediate Jewish parentage, and the total Italian-Jewish population is somewhere on the order of one-tenth of 1% of the total Italian population then.

Notwithstanding such exceedingly small percentage of Italian Jews — or Italians of the Hebrew faith — their contribution and membership in the "National Fascist Party was relatively greater than that of the non-Jewish Italians.

Prof. Klaus J. Herrmann
Montreal

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"WAGNER INSPIRED HITLER"

I would like to reply to Prof. Klaus Herrmann's Nov. 14 letter headed "Wagner inspired Herzl."

Hermann says that Montreal's YMHA permitted itself to be terrorized and intimidated to the extent of excluding Richard Wagner's immortal operatic works from a course of study entitled "What makes opera grand."

I believe that the issue of his greatness as a musical giant is not to be disputed. Why one can be terrorized and intimidated against the study of his music in spite of his greatness is based on Wagner's political bias, a religious philosophy and an absolute artistic departure.

Politically, Wagner was animated by three hatreds: hatred of Paris, which dictated the fashions that his philosophy repudiated; hatred of Jesuits, and hatred of Jews, whose leadership, at least in musical matters, was under Meyrbeer and Halevy.

Wagner asked himself: Whence comes all the evil in the world?

He answered: From old customs, morals and institutions, from all the old-world society.

How does one get rid of evil in this world? By declaring war against conventions — that is, traditional usage and morality.

This extreme, narrow, egotistical nature of his inspired Hitler to wage war and try to create the superrace.

Can you blame the survivors of Hitlerism for wishing to supress such a philosophy and conduct?

Isaac Braunstein
Montreal

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AUSTRIA RETURNS ART WORKS

The CJN readers of Austrian descent whose objets d'art were seized by the Nazis will be interested to read the following announcement which appeared in the Nov. 8 issue of the Jewish Chronicle in England.

The announcement was made by H. Wessely, the minister-counselor of the Austrian embassy at 18 Belgrave Mews West, London, SW1:

I am writing to inform you in advance about the drafting of an Austrian law concerning art objects which formerly belonged to vicitms of the Nazi regime and which are now in the possession of the Austrian government.

The idea of the new law, which is expected to enter into force on Jan. 1, 1986, is to provide a further opportunity to return these objects to the previous owners or their legal successors.

It is envisaged to make a list of these objects available to the Austrian diplomatic mission abroad and to publicize the relevant procedure for claims as widely as possible. Claims addressed to this embassy will then be forwarded to Vienna.

There will be a deadline for claims, probably dated June 30, 1986. Objects not claimed by then will be put to auction and the gross proceeds given to needy victims of the Nazi regime.

I shall be happy to answer any queries regarding the proposed law.

Leonara V. Miller
Toronto

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WHY NOT FRENCH?

I'd like to pose a question after reading Sheldon Kirshner's Nov. 7 article about the visit to Toronto of Israel's deputy minister, David Levy, which was headed "Levy: Hussein moves only a PR gimmick."

The question is: What did Kirshner mean by writing that Levy "spoke through a translator . . . not being able to express himself well in English?"

Why didn't Kirshner mention that Levy speaks five languages, including French?

Don't forget, Mr. Kirshner, that Canada is a French- and English-speaking country, and Mr. Levy was visiting supposedly bilingual Canada.

Lilliane Berttolo
Montreal

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Go there with precise facts and figures

Making good deals in Israel is strictly business

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
(Second of two articles on "How Canadians can make money doing business with Israel").

The 12 Ontario businessmen who recently returned from a 2-week trade mission to Israel all agree on the single, most vital lesson they learned.

The lesson, which they pass on to fellow Canadian entrepreneurs, can be summed up this way:

"If you hope to make a profitable deal with an Israeli company, you can't do it via Telex or correspondence. And you can't do it off-handedly while vacationing in the Holy Land.

"You must get off your butt and go there, after arranging business appointments well in advance. And you should be prepared to meet representatives of several firms, equipped not only with illustrated sales brochures but precise facts and figures outlining the manufacturing and export transportation costs of your products."

As a reporter who tagged along with the trade mission, I can vouch for the cordial — yet business-like — reception encountered by the Canadians in their business meetings with the Israelis.

Some of the wheeling and dealing was conducted in the factories of the Israeli manufacturers.

For example, Dr. Peter Langer, 63, export manager of Vetrepharm, Inc., a $5-million-a-year firm in London, Ont., that deals in animal health products, had arranged for 10 appointments.

To meet potential clients, he traveled throughout Israel . . . to kibbutzim, as well as the commercial division of the Weizmann Institute, which patents the practical application rights for discoveries made by its scientists at Rehovot.

"The Israelis are remarkably far advanced in veterinary pharmaceuticals," said Langer. "And it's a pleasure to do business with them. They're straightforward, pragmatic, commercial traders, with everything laid out on the table."

He is hoping to set up a joint licensing venture with two Israeli companies that have developed highly sophisticated animal diagnostic kits. Vetrepharm would produce the kits in London on a royalty basis and then distribute them throughout Canada and the U.S.

Robert Straus, Canadian export manager of components for clothes closets, examines one of his products in the Tel Aviv showroom of his Israeli agent, Margalita Abramento. [Frank Rasky photo]

"Though nothing may come of our negotiations, I felt the trip was worthwhile," he said last week. "After all, nothing ventured, nothing gained."

Elie Benatar, 47, is far more optimistic than that.

He is president of Sherwood Industrial Office Systems Inc., a Markham, Ont., firm that grosses $2 million annually by manufacturing demountable factory offices and other portable shelters.

"The business contacts I made were super, really super!" Benatar says enthusiastically. "Of the 14 Israelis I met at business appointments, six are definite prospects."

Most promising are joint licensing ventures, which would enable him to manufacture and distribute state-of-the-art shelters developed by Israeli technicians. Among them are portable holiday homes; skylights that don't require frames devised by the Kibbutz Dan; and ice-proof as well as underground military offices that might be used in the Canadian Arctic.

Many of Benatar's preliminary meetings were held in the special executive meeting room for guests provided by the Hilton Hotel in Tel Aviv.

Typical perhaps was his meeting with Emmanuel Ben-Ezzer, sales manager of Tagiv Establishment, an Israeli company that manufactures gypsum boards for building dry walls.

The contrast between the two was striking. Benatar, a former accountant from South Africa, was natty as a Bay St. executive in his blue-stripe jacket and tie, and came prepared with a slick, 4-color, sales promotion kit.

Ben-Ezzer was much more informally clad in an open-necked shirt. Likewise less imposing was his single-page promotional pamphlet, written in Hebrew, which Benatar didn't understand. But though his manner seemed deceptively rural and countrified, Ben-Ezzer spoke excellent English, and his knowledge of the international market for gypsum board was most impressive.

Ben-Ezzer explained candidly that his company's gypsum board was 15% heavier and twice as expensive as the kind produced in Canada. While the Canadian product consisted of two layers of paper carton with gypsum fibres sandwiched in between, the Israeli board was a mixture of gypsum and cellulose fibres.

"What makes our product unique is that it's made from two junk products," he said. "We burn rocks to make the gypsum. And our automated $12 million machines crush recycled newspapers into the cellulose fibres.'

The result was a durable but weightier board that is like non-burning, high-quality plywood. Unlike the lightweight North American product, you could hammer nails into it securely.

"At trade shows, we demonstrated its strength by hanging on the gypsum board wall the back of a chair with a man comfortably seated in it," he said.

Benatar objected: "In Canada, we go for price. What sort of market could we get for a product that costs twice as much?"

Ben-Ezzer was undaunted: "A firm in Germany has captured more than 25% of the market by putting out this kind of gypsum board. It's a natural for do-it-yourselfers who don't mind paying a little bit more for high quality."

The meeting concluded with a friendly handshake.

Benatar took home with him a sample of the iron-tough gypsum board to be evaluated by his research engineer, and he promised to explore its market feasibility at the next do-it-yourself show that would be held in Toronto.

"It looks like a promising possibility for the future," he told me, after Ben-Ezzer had left. Then he added: "Gee, these Israelis are real smart high-tech whizz kids!"

Robert Straus, 48, also thinks they're trustworthy and enterprising business partners.

He's export manager of Acmetrack Ltd., a Brampton, Ont., company that grosses $20 million a year exporting to 43 countries the components for demountable clothes closets, including shelving, hinges, pivots and sliding door tracks.

Straus had joined the trade mission to help provide sales support to his company's recently acquired, exclusive agency for Israel. It's called Delet Chen (Hebrew for "Pretty Doors"), and it serves as fabricator and wholesaler of the wooden and mirrored portable closets using the imported Acmetrack components.

Straus had accompanied Shlomo and Margalita Abramento, the husband-and-wife team who own Delet Chen, on business meetings with Israeli apartment builders and hotel managers to help them sell the modular cupboard units.

"Acmetrack is the best in the world," said Margalita Abramento, proudly displaying the closets at her showroom on Dizengoff St. in Tel Aviv, which had been custom-designed and fabricated by her new 15-staff factory...

She said she and her husband had chosen the Canadian product after rejecting bids from manufacturers in Taiwan and France.

"Every week we advertise in the newspapers, without fear of contradiction, that Acmetrack makes the best components," she said. "That's why we don't hesitate to give customers an 8-year guarantee . . . absolutely no sliding door stoppages or hassles."

Beaming at the praise, Straus said: "Now you can understand why it was so nice to play host to Margalita and her husband when they visited us in Brampton last August. They're nice people and nice business partners."

For further information on doing business with Israel, Canadians are urged to get in touch with Gabriel Regev, executive director of the 300-member Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce (416-961-7302); and Udi Sheintal, the Toronto-based Israeli trade commissioner for Canada (416-961-1242).

For aid in setting up appointments with potential Israeli joint ventures partners and finding a reputable agent in your field, contact Zenon Burianyk, senior commercial attache of the Canadian embassy in Tel Aviv at 220 Hayarkon St., phone 228-122.

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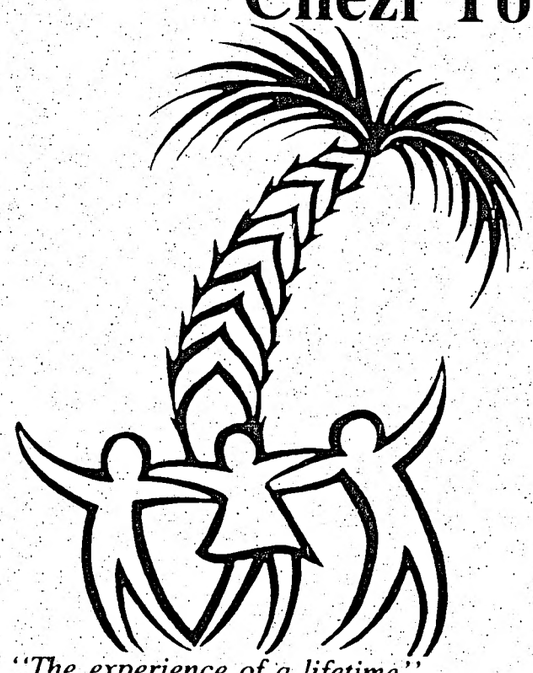

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World-National

Israel, Egypt resume Taba negotiations

U.S. urges Syria to participate in peace talks

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U.S. still believes that resolutions 242 and 338 call for Arab-Israeli negotiations on the Golan Heights and the West Bank and Gaza.

"Syria has a place in the peace process if it wishes to participate," Kalb said. "We continue to hope that all parties... including Syria, will recognize the opportunity inherent in the current peace process and elect to participate constructively."

For the past 11 years, Syria has not taken part in peace talks. And Syrian President Hafez Assad has come out against Jordanian participation in any such discussions.

Israel, in December of 1981, effectively annexed the Golan Heights.

Meanwhile, Egypt's oil minister, Abdel Hadi Kandil, delivered to Prime Minister Peres a personal letter from President Mubarak.

The message dealt with the general peace process and bilateral relations.

Mubarak, who favors PLO inclusion in peace talks, praised Israel for its recent efforts to get negotiations with Jordan and a Palestinian delegation underway. He said he was convinced that Arafat knew he had to take a stand against terrorism.

He also expressed understanding for Israel's anger over the fatal shooting of seven Israeli tourists in Sinai two months ago. They were killed by a supposedly berserk Egyptian policeman or soldier.

Mubarak, saying Egypt welcomed Israelis to Sinai, noted that an investigation had been launched into the incident.

The contents of Mubarak's message were released as a high-ranking Israeli team of negotiators went to Cairo to discuss the Taba border dispute and normalization of relations.

Israel and Egypt haven't held talks on this level since the Oct. 1 Israeli air strike against PLO headquarters in Tunis.

Two weeks ago, David Kimche, the director-general of Israel's foreign ministry, accused Egypt of violating 40 clauses in the 1979 peace treaty.

In addition to being an irritant in Israel's relationship with Egypt, the Taba question has divided the Israeli government itself.

Prime Minister Peres and his Labor Party colleagues are willing to accept Egypt's demand for arbitration. But Foreign Minister Shamir, of Likud, insists on conciliation.

On the eve of the Israelis' departure to Cairo, Shamir claimed Taba rightfully belonged to Israel.

Amid these political developments, Israel and the Popular Front for the Liberation — General Command battled in south Lebanon, six miles north of the security zone, near the Syrian frontier.

The Israeli command said it dispatched forces to the area after learning the the Popular Front planned to attack the Galilee from Lebanese territory.

Israel killed five guerrillas and captured several others. Israel reported no casualties.

The Israelis used tanks and helicopter gunships in the raid — the most intensive since Israel withdrew the bulk of its troops from Lebanon last June.

Israel and the Popular Front were involved in a controversial prisoner exchange last May, whereby Israel gave up 1,150 imprisoned Arabs in return for three of its troops captured in the 1982 Lebanese war.

Damage over spy scandal

Israeli image takes beating

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ly $30 billion provided to Israel over the years in U.S. foreign aid "can't buy unlimited trust between allies. Only the naive will believe an Israeli official's claim that the purchase of highly classified military secrets was 'a sincere mistake.' "

There is no doubt that it is going to take Israel a long time to repair all of the damage of this incident. Restoring its image in American public opinion will be quite difficult despite the active efforts of Secretary of State George Shultz to calm government-to-government tensions.

Many Americans say they feel have been betrayed by a member of the family. Some have drawn the analogy of adultery.

And while the Reagan administration and the Israeli government are apparently cooperating in removing the story from the front pages of newspapers, they probably will not be all that successful, since many more revelations can be expected to unfold during the upcoming legal procedures against Pollard.

A U.S. federal judge, meanwhile, has denied an appeal from his wife to be released from jail on bond pending the outcome of her trial on charges of illegally possessing classified government documents.

Anne Henderson-Pollard, 25, sat silently and sadly, but cringed briefly on Dec. 3, when Magistrate Patrick Attridge rejected any bail conditions for her release from prison.

In a related development, U.S. officials are reportedly preparing to go to Israel shortly to interview two diplomats and others said to be "knowledgeable" in the case.

The U.S. is anxious to find out exactly what information Pollard passed on to Israel over an 18-month period which ended last year, for a reported payment of $2,500 a month and two free trips to Europe.

According to media reports, Israel was seeking information about the military capabilities of moderate Arabs states friendly to the U.S. — Egypt and Jordan — which have been recipients of American military aid. It has also been alleged that Pollard passed on to Israel American radar jamming techniques and other electronic information.

The men the U.S. wants to talk to are Dan Ravid, deputy science attache at the Washington embassy, and Yosef Yagur, science attache at the consulate in New York. Both were called home before they could be questioned by the FBI — much to the anger of the justice department.

Also on the list is Raphael Eitan, a former head of Mossad, Israel's secret service, and more recently an advisor to Premiers Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir on terrorism and security matters.

Eitan has been named by the Israel media as Pollard's "handler" and the man who recruited the 31-year-old American Jewish civilian employee of the Naval Investigative Service to spy for pay.

Eitan is a former aide to Ariel Sharon and has been described as a protege of the outspoken Likud hawk who served Begin as defence minister and is presently minister of commerce and industry in the Labor-Likud unity coalition government.

Soviet propaganda blasts Zionists

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rhetoric," the report said. "Soviet propaganda maintains that Israeli and Western intelligence agencies encourage emigration in order to obtain state secrets from Soviet citizens.

"It further alleges that 'Zionists' collaborated with fascists during World War II to send many innocent Jews to their deaths. These 'Zionist elements,' so the argument goes, now comprise the ruling circles of Israel, which have inherited Hitler's fascist mantle. The "Anti-Zionist Committee of the Soviet Public," an officially sanctioned group, continues to lead the propaganda against Jewish Refuseniks and 'Zionists.' A Soviet TV documentary and a new Soviet 'White Book' have alleged links between 'Zionist' activities and Western intelligence organizations."

CBC-TV drama banned in Alberta

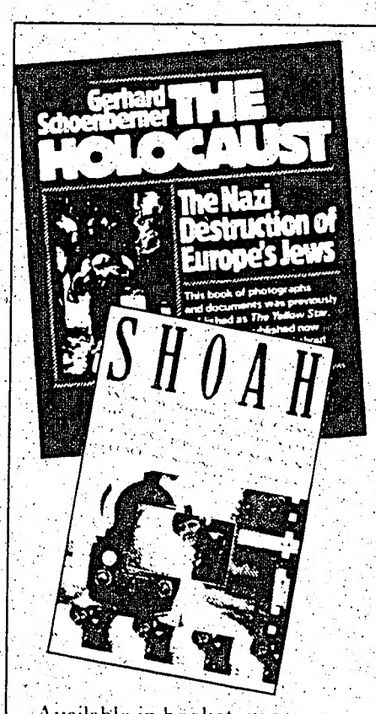
CALGARY (CP) — A judge last week banned the CBC from showing in Alberta on Sunday a television drama based loosely on the story of Jim Keegstra, the Eckville, Alta. high school teacher, who was convicted last summer of inciting racial hatred.

An injunction to stop the airing of the program in Alberta had been sought on behalf of Keegstra by his lawyer, Doug Christie. Keegstra's appeal against his conviction is pending.

Mr. Justice Gregory Forsyth agreed with Christie that the 1-hour program "constitutes a thinly disguised characterization of Keegstra" and would amount to a potential contempt of court if aired.

The program, entitled Oakmount High, was seen in southern Ontario Sunday night and was broadcast as planned outside of Alberta.

A review of Oakmount High will be carried in the Dec. 19 issue of The CJN.



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Likudnik becomes No. 2 at defence

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The cabinet has approved the appointment of Likud MK Michael Dekel as deputy minister of defence with duties related to Jewish settlements in the administered territories.

His confirmation had been delayed because Deputy Premier David Levy, also of Likud, wanted the post to go to Eliahu Ben-Elissar, ex-chairman of the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee who was Israel's first ambassador to Egypt.

Another appointment approved was MK Rafael Pinhassi of the religious party, Shas, to be deputy minister of social affairs.

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By MIRIAM CHINSKY

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Saturday, Dec. 14

B'NAI B'RITH AUCTION

There will be lots of action at the Grand Auction sponsored by Forestdale Lodge, B'nai B'rith, on Saturday, Dec. 14, at Thornhill Square Shopping Mall, Bayview and John St. Preview is 7.30 p.m., auction at 8.30.

Admission is $2.50 per person, and there will be refreshments and a door prize.

Visa and Mastercharge will be accepted.

For tickets and/or information contact **Jack Britstone,** 678-2990 (bus.) 881-5814 (res.).

BETH TORAH DINNER DANCE

Beth Torah Congregation, 47 Glenbrook Ave., will install the following officers at a Chanukah Installation Dinner-Dance on Saturday evening, Dec. 14: president, **Isaac (Jacques) Lallouz;** 1st vice-president, **Mollie Rothman;** 2nd vice-president and secretary, **Nathan Naymark;**treasurer, **Jack Rothman;** gabbai, **Morris Herling;** parnes, **Morris Turk**; Sisterhood president, **Sandra Cohen** and Brotherhood president, **Jack Greenberg.**

JEWISH CULTURAL COUNCIL

In conjunction with Jewish Book Month, an evening of dramatic readings and musical renditions in English, Yiddish and Hebrew, will be sponsored by the Jewish book committee of Toronto Jewish Congress, Saturday, Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. in Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

Cantor David Bagley, Cantor Harold Klein, Rabbi Irwin Witty, Allen Farkas and the Friends of Yiddish, will be featured.

Everyone is welcome and admission is free.

BETH JACOB V'ANSHE DRILDZ

A Chanukah Party and Auction under the auspices of Beth Jacob V'Anshe Drildz Sisterhood, 147 Overbrook Pl. (corner of Wilmington is set for Saturday, Dec. 14. A dairy supper will be served.

Admission is $7.50 per person. RSVP now to **Marci,** 638-3518.

Sunday, Dec. 15

BETH SHOLOM BROTHERHOOD

Beth Sholom Brotherhood Tallis and Tefillin Breakfast Club, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., meets next on Sunday, Dec. 15, to hear **David Arbuckle,** executive director of the John Howard Society, talk about Corrections in the Community.

Services are at 9.30 a.m., breakfast in the Gerald Schwartz auditorium follows, and the speaker begins at 10.30.

KADIMA CENTRE CHANUKAH DANCE

Come and join Kadima for fun, frolic and friends, at its special Chai Dance with contest and prizes, on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. The event takes place at the Kadima Centre, 100 Elder St., located in Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

The centre is open to developmentally handicapped persons 18 years of age and over. Remember, meetings are on Sundays, 2 to 4 p.m., and Supper Club is on Tuesdays, 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.

For more information call **Suzanne Agasee,** 636-4426.

PNAI MEETING

The Toronto chapter of Parents of North American Israelis has planned a post-Chanukah meeting to be held on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 8 p.m. It will be held at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Guests are welcome.

Monday, Dec. 16

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Willowdale invites pregnant and nursing mothers to a discussion of Weaning and Nutrition. The group will address the needs of the older nursing baby and examine ways to upgrade the family's nutrition.

The meeting is scheduled for 8.15 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 16, at 40 Cedarcroft Blvd. (west off Bathurst, 2nd light north of Finch). Babies are welcome. Bring your mother, too.

For additional information call **Adrianne** at 665-4120, **Ruth** at 736-1758 or **Elaine** at 663-8003.

ASSOCIATED SCIENCE FAIR

The annual Science Fair of the Associated Hebrew Schools Junior High, will be held on Monday, Dec. 16, 7.30 to 9 p.m., at 3630 Bathurst St. at Neptune.

The fair is open to the general public. Admission is free.

STUDY GROUP

On Monday, Dec. 16 at 8 p.m., a new study group, specifically for young adults - couples and singles - begins. The group will study directly from the biblical text and commentaries, focusing on laws, customs and traditions, and their meaning in our lives.

For more details telephone 787-1631.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

GENEOLOGICAL SOCIETY PARTY

Join the Jewish Geneological Society of Toronto's first Chanukah Party on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7.30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to bring his or her geneology research to share with fellow members.

Refreshments will be served.

Call **Rayzel Robinson** for party location or general information, 667-3647.

ROSEBURY SQ. WOMEN'S GROUP

A business and professional women's group of Toronto Women's ORT is being formed in the Rosebury Square area (Marlee and Roselawn).

All meetings will be convened in the Rosebury apartment complex, and the speakers will be of high calibre.

A planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. For further details contact **Marcy Gilbert,** at the ORT office, 787-0339.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

PRECIOUS LEGACY SALE

On Wednesday, Dec. 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave., Precious Legacy gift items from the ROM (Royal Ontario Museum) will be on sale. Passover plates, challah covers, tallis bags, etc. will be available at excellent prices!

For more information call **Laya Levine,** 736-1653, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

And What Else Is New ...

NETWORK CONVENTION

Over 500 Jewish students and young adults from every part of North America will gather at the Skyline Hotel in Toronto, Dec. 26 - 30, to participate in the next Bi-Annual International Convention sponsored by Network.

Among resource persons expected to attend are **Yaacov Tsur MK,** Israel's minister of absorption, **Emil Fackenheim,** philosopher and author.

The convention is open to all Jewish students and young adults. For further information and to register, contact Network, 750 Spadina Ave. Suite 210, Toronto, M5S 2J2.

MEN'S SWIMMING

Come out on Sunday evenings, 8 to 9 p.m., for men's swimming at Ulpanat Orot, 45 Canyon Ave., (Bathurst and Sheppard area).

For details, call **Earl Glicksman,** 889-4683, evenings. No Shabbes calls.

HADASSAH-WIZO CHOIR

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MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Help is urgently needed for the Meals-on-Wheels programs in North York. Both drivers and runners offer their help once a week to provide support to home-bound seniors. If you could assist with this important service, particularly in the Keele/Lawrence area, please call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

ISRAEL AND KIDS

Hashomer Hatzair is an organization for Jewish kids 10-18 years, to get in touch with what's going on in Israel and our society. Meetings are each Saturday, 3.30 to 6.30 p.m. at 1111 Finch Ave. W., room 156.

If you would like to involve your sons/daughters in Israeli culture, Zionism and other Jewish activities, contact **Yigal** at 736-0977, or ask the young people to call.

ADATH SHOLOM NEW YEAR PARTY

Book now for a great New Year's Eve party at Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W.

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JSF BOWLING

Jewish Student Federation Bowling is on Sunday evenings, 9 p.m., at Power Lanes, in Finchurst Plaza at the southeast corner of Bathurst and Finch.

For more information call the JSF at 667-3647.

WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENCE

The Third Floor Central Eglinton Community Centre at 223 Eglinton Ave. E., (corner of Mt. Pleasant) offers a 6-week Wen-Do women's self-defence course which teaches physical release from chokes and holds, simple effective counter-attacks, and the location of vulnerable targets on an attacker. Discuss the myths about violence against women. Learn avoidance of potentially dangerous situations, and verbal responses to embarrassing encounters.

Register with instructor **Marilyn Walsh** at 368-2178.

The course begins Wednesday, Jan. 22, 7:30 - 10 p.m. Cost is $45 for adults, $25 seniors and full-time students.

The Third Floor sponsors other programs of interest. For details telephone 487-4096.

EPILEPSY KINGSTON

Katherine and **Paul Manley,** of Congregation Iyr Ha-Melech, in Kingston, have started a new assocation, Epilepsy Kingston. The aims are to provide support to those with epilepsy and to their families and friends, to raise the level of public awareness, and to provide opportunities for those with epilepsy to help and support one another.

Katherine is president and Paul treasurer of Epilepsy Kingston, and they would welcome any support you might be able to give. (Approximately 2,000 people in the Kingston area suffer from epilepsy). The address is: Epilepsy Kingston, 100 Stuart St., Kingston, Ont. K7L 2V6. Telephone (613) 542-6222.

LIBRARY ART EXHIBITIONS

North York Public Libraries are displaying a varied selection of art during December.

Ontario's scenic life is the specialty of **Donald Murphy,** at Don Mills Library, 888 Lawrence Ave. E.

Chinese brush paintings by **Carol Wong** can be seen at Fairview Library, 35 Fairview Mall Dr.

Nine individuals who call themselves Negative Connotations, are showing black and white silver prints at Yorkdale Library, in Yorkdale Mall.

Freelance musician **Ian Harper** expresses his ideas in black and white photography, on view at Hillcrest Library, 5801 Leslie St.

Roseann Beddington's flowers and landscapes in oils and gouache with oil pastel, are exhibited in Pleasant View Library, 575 Van Horne Ave.

Lorraine Smith, who studied for a time with **Arthur Lismer** and admires the French impressionists and the Group of Seven, has her paintings at Brookbanks Library, 210 Brookbanks Dr.

For more details on these exhibitions - hours, precise locations, etc. call 495-3438.

TAFELMUSIK

Tafelmusik winter series presents four concerts at 472 Bloor St. W. An Evening with Max Van Egmond is on Jan. 24 and 25, A Baroque Valen-

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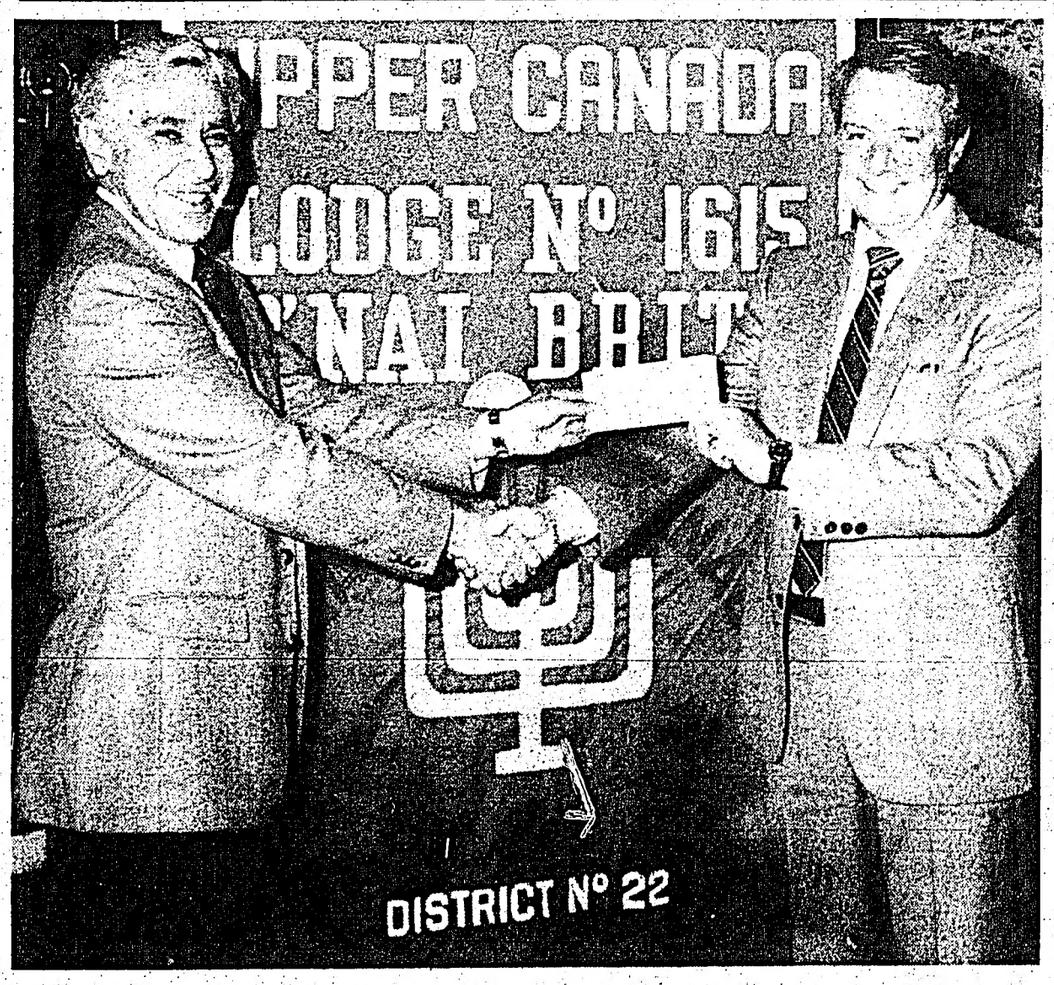

BIBLE CONTEST

At a recent meeting of Upper Canada Lodge B'nai B'rith, Wilf Fogel, lodge president, presented a check to Harold R. Malitzky, associate director of the Board of Jewish Education, to help support the Bible contest which is held annually for children in Toronto Jewish day and supplementary schools. More than 160 children from over 15 schools participated in the 1985 regional and national Bible contest.

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tine on Feb. 14 and 15, The Virtuoso Recorder on April 11 and 12 and The Glory of J.S. Bach on May 2 and 3.

Order early because the ticket supply is limited. For further information phone 964-6337.

TEACH BABYSITTING

St. John Ambulance is recruiting volunteers to teach Babysitting courses offered in the North York area.

Instructor-volunteers should have extensive practical experience dealing with and caring for children, but training is provided in the instructional aspect of the position.

Transportation is desirable and hours are flexible to suit the volunteer, with a small honorarium to cover out-of-pocket expenses.

If you are 18 years of age or older and interested in helping with this program, please call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

at the jcc

Sundays at Bloor (750 Spadina Ave.), revitalizes the art of conversation, providing an opportunity to meet with celebrity members of the JCC. On Dec. 16 at 11.30 a.m., Food, Food, Glorious Food - To Thine Own Self Be True - features therapist and counselor **Sheila Walker,** and, Nutritition - Fad of the Eighties, or The Key to Your Health, gives the floor to natural medicine proponent, **Dr. Norman Steinhardt.**

Bring the New Year in with a bang! The JCC N/E Valley branch is having a Midnight Munch New Year's Eve party. Festivities begin at 9 p.m. with a live band playing all night long. A full dessert buffet will be served from 9 until midnight and a cash bar will be available all evening. At midnight, breakfast and champagne will be served. The cost is $30 per person. Tickets are available at the N/E Valley office. This promises to be an unforgettable evening. For information call **Michael, Jodi** or **Rose** at 889-0813.

What Do You Say After You Say Hello In All Those Awkward Situations? is the topic at the next general meeting of the N/E Jewish Single Parent Group on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 8 p.m. in Hillcrest Public Library, 5801 Leslie Ave. Guest speaker is **Helen Sugar,** a social worker with Jewish Family and Child Service. Cost is $2 for members, $3 non-members. Refreshments follow. For more information call **Jodi,** 889-0813.

JCC Vally Ski Club is having its first annual Mix and Mingle party, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 at The Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Enjoy an evening of fun with other ski enthusiasts, meet the members, socialize, and party the night away. There will be a deejay and cash bar. This is free to ski club members and cost is $5 for non-members (refundable upon membership). To inquire further call **Jodi,** 889-0813.

Cafe Dizengoff invites you to celebrate Chanukah with an evening of music, lights and dance at the JCC northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St., 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. This is for high school and university age students only. Hear Israeli folk and pop musical artist, **Chava Alberstein,** and dance to the sounds of a top deejay. Amazing door prizes include a $500 scholarship for a 1986 Israel summer program, a $300 scholarship for a 1986 Israel summer program, a free JCC northern branch membership, and more!

Tickets in advance (available at the JCC northern and Bloor branches, as well as the Israel Program Centre, 1000 Finch Ave. W., Suite 117 and BBYO, 15 Hove St.) are $6, at the door, $8. For more information call 636-1880 or 665-7733.

Topics Unlimited presents a lecture, Priority Planning - a Game Plan for Financial Success, with **Judy Sherman** of London Life Insurance, on Monday, Dec. 16 from 8 to 9.30 p.m. at the JCC northern branch. Admission is $1 and everyone is welcome. For further information call **Georgine Nash,** 636-1880.

Music is for everyone, including people with special needs. Yes, you can learn to play a musical instrument. On Monday, Dec. 16 at 7.30 p.m. in the Teen Lounge, JCC northern branch, pianist and teacher **Erica Rao,** will demonstrate how people with a variety of handicaps can learn to play a musical instrument. Cost is $2 for members, $4 non-members. For additional information call **Helen Wolfe,** 636-1880, ext 239, (TTY 663-5510).

Canadian Modernist Brown Bag Lunch Series, on Thursdays, 12.30 p.m., at the Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St., offers a film on Group of Seven artist **A.J. Casson,** at the next screening, Dec. 19.

CHAT REUNION

Former Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto teachers Jack Burke (left) and Ronald Woollard stand with former CHAT students Heidi Brown, class of 1985 (left), and Dr. Judith (Schild) Weinroth, class of 1964, at the recent silver anniversary and reunion. More than 400 members of the CHAT community gathered at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue to reminisce and kick off more alumni activities.

CLUB CANADA

More than 40 Canadian students are active members of Club Canada at Yeshiva University in New York City. Over 100 Canadian students attend the various schools and affiliates of Yeshiva University. Pictured with Rabbi M. Mitchel Serels (centre standing) of Toronto, faculty advisor of Club Canada, are (front row, left to right) Robert Zeitz of Dollard des Ormeaux, Que., vice-president for political affairs; Sam Abraham of Toronto, president; Brian Cale of Montreal, vice-president; (standing) Daniel Roth of Montreal, editor of the Maple Leaflet; Rabbi Serels and Michael Friedman of Montreal, secretary. Yeshiva University will celebrate its centennial in 1986.

for seniors

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Federal government grants totaling $72,287, have been awarded to nine groups of retired people in the Toronto area. These are offered within the New Horizons program which enables retired people to create projects of their own choosing, which will benefit themselves and others in the community. Among the recipients was the **Earl Bales Senior Woodworking Group,** given $4,418 to expand the use of a woodworking shop with the addition of a dust collecting system.

The Labor Zionist Alliance and the **Senior Citizens Club** are planning a joint Chanukah Party for Saturday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. in the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. There will be candle-lighting and a program, followed by dancing to the music of **Morris Turk** and his orchestra. Refreshments will be served. Admission is $6 per person.

The Cultural Circle of the Senior Citizens Club meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Borochov. At the Dec. 10 session, **Israel Kopyto** spoke about historian **Shimon Dubnov.**

Members of the Senior Citizens Club can play shuffleboard every day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Borochov Centre. A social, and refreshments are enjoyed after the games. President of the club is **Jack Goldbach.**

Workmen's Circle Social Club, 471 Lawrence Ave. W., gathers next for lunch, a meeting and entertainment, at noon, Tuesday, Dec. 17. At the meeting, there will be a discussion as well as ticket information on the January trip to Miami Beach. For additional information call **Shirley Grotell,** 222-7727.

Everyone is welcome at the Cabaret Dance arranged by the **Jubilee Club of Adath Sholom Synagogue,** 864 Sheppard Ave. W., for Saturday, Dec. 21 at 8 p.m., with music by **Ben Berens'** orchestra. Refreshments and door prizes are to be included. Admission is $3 for members, $4 guests. (Bring your membership cards). For more information call 636-5872 or 667-0599.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Friendship Club is holding a Chanukah Latke Party at the shul, 100 Elder St. at 12.30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15. **Al Gladstone** will provide music for dancing, and guests are welcome. For information and reservations, call **Carl Pasternak,** 633-2997.

Beth Emeth club members, if you are going on vacation, please notify Carl.

Seniors, indulge yourselves during the frosty days of winter and enrol in the **Family Service Association of Metropolitan Toronto's** Winter Break. Designed for seniors who are active, this program offers outdoor activities and indoor entertainment - set your own pace, make your own choices.

Accommodation at Bolton Conference Centre just north of Toronto, is two per room with a bathroom ensuite. Fees, which include transportation and all meals, are geared to individual income.

Registration is a $2 non-refundable fee, and confidential interviews will be arranged to discuss applicants' financial status. Call 922-3126 for an application form and interview.

Stephen Kirwin, a 1-man senior show, will entertain **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50** at its next meeting in the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 1.30 p.m. Coffee and cake will be served and everyone is welcome. Admission for non-members of the club is $1.50.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club reminds you of ongoing programs that can make your life productive and enjoyable: Mondays, from 11 a.m. to noon, folkdancing, 1 to 3 p.m., a drama series with **Nat Garnick;** Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m., oil painting; Thursdays, 10.30 to 11.30 a.m., dancercize with music.

There are still a few reservations for early January available at the new Sassoon Hotel in Miami Beach.

The trip to Western Canada has been finalized. This beautiful and exciting 2-week tour starts May 13 and includes all quality hotels, and three days at Expo 86. For further information call **Lena Sugar,** 782-2262. Make your reservations early.

Holy Blossom Temple Alumni will have a Chanukah Luncheon at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St., on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 12.30 p.m. A musical program with **Cantors Benjamin Maissner** and **Yitzhak Aptowitzer,** and pianist **Klara Goizman,** follows at 1.30.

The Line and Ballroom Dancing at **Earl Bales Seniors Place** is now in full swing. Come out on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 and have an enjoyable evening with **Ada Goldblatt** assisted by **Irving Naftolin.** There is no charge.

And, **Earl Bales Seniors Club** is opening up the community centre in the park at Sheppard and Bathurst for a New Year's Eve Party on Tuesday, Dec. 31 from 7 - 11.30 p.m. Enjoy a chicken dinner and dancing for $10 per person, members, $12, non-members. For more details telephone **Pearl** at 636-7856, Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Members please note - Earl Bales Seniors Place will be closed from Jan. 1 to March 17.

Jewish Ethics and Philosophy, a rabbis' lecture series, continues on Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 4 in the Waltman Fireside Lounge of the **Wagman Centre,** 55 Ameer Ave. On Dec. 18, **Rabbi Sheldon Korn** of Shaar Shalom Synagogue, will explore the issues when Feminism Confronts Judaism.

Cranbrook Friendship Club welcomes everyone to an interesting Chanukah program and party on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 1 p.m. The group meets every second Wednesday at the same time.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

On Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 1.30 p.m. in the auditorium, the Centre for Creative Living presents a public affairs forum examining the Charter of Rights - How Will It Affect Our Lives? Guest panelists are **Ian Scott,** Ontario attorney general; **Sheila Day,** president of the Women's Legal Education and Action Front; **Marvin A. Zuker, Ontario provincial court judge; and Canon Borden Purcell,** Ontario Human Rights Commission chairman.

Music Appreciation, a part of the Lifelong Learning Institute, offers the video, A Year in the Life of **Placido Domingo,** on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 1.30 p.m. in the synagogue. This is free to members, $1 non-members. For further information call **Lillian Disenhouse,** 498-2221.

Spend Sundays at the centre. Drop in for coffee from 11 a.m. on, have a light snack and meet friends. Bingo is at 12.30 and a special program follows. On Dec. 15 at 2 p.m., the film, My Fair Lady, starring **Rex Harrison** and **Audrey Hepburn,** will be screened.

Let's Talk About Stress and How it Affects Your Health, is a discussion set for Thursday, Dec. 12, from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m., in the synagogue. Come to the auditorium at 1.30 in the afternoon, for a follow up - two films about stress - which will help you understand the mental and emotional aspects, and also explore the special stresses on older people.

singles

Because of the holiday season, the editorial deadlines for the Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 issues are advanced. Deadline for the Dec. 26 issue is Monday, Dec. 16. Deadline for the Jan. 2 issue is Friday, Dec. 20. But don't wait until the last moment! Get your copy in as soon as possible, please, to avoid the last minute rush.

Please note: When you send or bring in photos, include your name and address plus $1, to cover mailing costs, otherwise we cannot promise to return them.

Floating Singles Congregation (ages 25 - 35) floats next to Holy Blossom Temple on Friday night, Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. Join the group for Shabbat songs and readings followed by a program with **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein** and **Baruch Browns** - Digging a Diamond in the Rough. For more information call 789-3291.

Holy Blossom Temple Single/Single Parents look forward to a Chanukah Dance on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. in the Philip Smith Auditorium, 1950 Bathurst St. Dance to deejay Celebration's latest music and the golden oldies as well.

Coffee, tea and pastries will be served and there will be a cash bar. Cost is $5 for members, $7 non-members. For further details telephone **James Casquenette,** 485-9911.

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Organizations and People

What's New

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Young Women Professionals are invited to enjoy a friendly Chanukah Brunch on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 12.30 p.m., as the guests of **Kalanit Chapter, Na'amat Pioneer Women.**

Kalanit members are from ages 25 - 37, with diverse lifestyles and common interests, who warmly welcome additions to their group. For information and directions call 636-5425 days, or 492-9911 evenings.

JCC Singles and Young Adults, 20s and 30s, extend an invitation to An Evening With Groucho, the production at the Leah Posluns Theatre, followed by a coffee and dessert reception, Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. For reservations and further information, call **Elizabeth Sokolsky,** 636-1880, ext. 228.

JCC Singles 40 Plus Coffee House will hear **Judy Sherman,** sponsored by Topics Unlimited, explain Financial Planning for Men and Women, at 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 16 in the teen lounge. Admission is $1.

Reserve no later than Friday, Dec. 13 for the Chanukah Party planned by the **Single/Single Parent Group of the North-East Valley Branch of the Jewish Community Centre** for Sunday, Dec. 15, from 1.30 to 3.30 p.m.

Meet at Thornhill Community Centre (Bayview and John) for skating from 1.30 to 2.30. Return to the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St., for Chanukah crafts and refreshments, 2.30 to 3.30.

Cost per family is $2 plus skating admission. To inquire further call 889-0813.

Dr. Jenny Heathcote, a staff member at Toronto Western Hospital, and a specialist in AIDS research, will provide comprehensive information on this disease when she addresses **Beth Tikvah Chai Singles** on Sunday, Dec. 15. The meeting takes place in the lower auditorium of the synagogue at 8 p.m.

Dr. Heathcote will talk about causes, treatment, protection and prevention, and she will also answer questions.

Refreshments will be served. Cost is $3 for members (bring your card), $5 non-members.

Gourmet Rendezvous' next dinner will be on Wednesday, Jan. 15. If you are between the ages of 28 and 45, take pleasure in pleasing your palate, and want a new and rewarding way of meeting people, then join the group. Seating is limited and reservations are a must. Cost is $25 for a full meal plus cash bar. Call **Sherri,** 731-2103 or **Don,** 731-2919.

Sunday, Dec. 15 is BYOD and/or BYOBG Night at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., just east of Bathurst. That's bring your own dessert and/or bring your own board game, e.g. backgammon, Trivial Pursuit, otherwise admission is $3. Please enter the synagogue by the front lobby doors starting at 7.30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided at this **Solelim** event for Singles 20 - 40 years of age

A Super Singles Bash will be held at **Dreams,** 51 Eglinton Ave. E., on Thursday, Dec. 26 at 8 p.m. Refreshments are All You Can Eat Chicken Wings, and cover charge is $5. Call 446-1394.

Singles, you can reach Jewish Information Service after 4.30 p.m. at 635-5606. Volunteers are on duty evenings until 10 to tell you about upcoming events or just to listen or chat. The evening line is a telephone service only.

WINNER

Bernard J. Kamin, president of the Jewish Community Centre, congratulates Susan Gruenberger as he presents her with a complimentary health club membership card. Susan, a 30-year-old lawyer, won the membership in a draw at the recent Single In Toronto show. The JCC had a booth at the show. Susan says she hopes to get into a fitness routine where she is working out several times a week and taking advantage of all JCC facilities.

About People

SCIENTISTS HONOR SHEININ

Rose Sheinin, vice-dean of the School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto, has received an award from the Canadian Association for Women in Science, in recognition of her academic and scientific works, as well as her commitment to the role of women in science.

The award, presented at a meeting of the Canadian Biological Society, is the first since the inception of the Canadian Association for Women in Science in 1980.

A founding member of the association, Sheinin has contributed to the Science Council of Canada's investigation of the low female enrolment in science. She has also instigated a policy at the School of Graduate Studies, which permits maternity leave of one to three terms for female students.

Sheinin is a cancer researcher, and was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1981.

NEW BROTHERHOOD EXECUTIVE

At a recent breakfast in Beth Tzedec Synagogue, the following 1985-86 executive was installed for the Council of Jewish Brotherhoods of Metropolitan Toronto and Vicinity: president, **George Glass,** of Beth Tzedec Men's Club; 1st vice-president, **David Benatar,** Petah Tikva Anshe Castille Men's Club; 2nd vice-president, **Murray Kaye,** Temple Sinai Men's Club; 3rd vice-president, **Bernie Parl,** Beth Sholom Men's club. Corresponding secretary, **Jerry Bagelman,** Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Men's Club; recording secretary, **David Kaminker,** Shaarei Shomayim Men's Club; treasurer, **Alex Hecht,** Shaarei Tefillah Men's Club and immediate past president, **Nelson Ludwig,** Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Men's Club.

NAMED OISE FELLOW

Elise Grossberg, long-time public school trustee and charter member of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) board of governors, has been named an OISE fellow.

The fellows awards recognize individuals who have made specific and noteworthy contributions to education in Ontario and Canada. Three fellows are ordinarily named. Two additional awards are being made this year to mark OISE's 20th anniversary.

LAWYER ON BAR EXECUTIVE

Toronto lawyer **Harvey Bliss** has been named to the Canadian Bar Association's national executive committee for a 1-year term. The committee, composed of 19 members from across Canada, advises the president in performing the duties of office.

Harvey Bliss

Bliss, who specializes in civil litigation, has been a member of the bar since the mid-1950s.

"The first thing I want to do this year," he says, "is to identify the law reform issues that the executive should be looking at. In the past the Canadian Bar has been too much of a reactive organization. I think it's time we started to make thinks happen."

The Canadian Bar Association has 33,000 members including lawyers, judges, notaries, law teachers and law students across Canada.

Ont. to fund seniors' event

TORONTO —

The Ontario ministry of tourism and recreation has announced a commitment of $100,000 to Actifest 86, the first provincial games for senior citizens to be held in Kitchener next Aug. 26 and 27.

Liberal MPP David Cooke, representing Minister of Tourism and Recreation John Eakins, has already presented a check for $50,000 to Kitchener Mayor Dominic Cardillo. The second $50,000 will be issued on April 1.

"We fully support Actifest 86 and I commend the Older Adult Centres Association of Ontario for their involvement in initiating the Games," Eakins said. He also commended Kitchener for agreeing to host the event.

Participants will qualify through the staging of approximately 30 district games during the spring and early summer of this coming year.

The events will include: carpet bowling, shuffleboard, golf, snooker, darts, cribbage, euchre, and 5-pin bowling.

For more information, contact Bob Farrow, manager, games and community initiatives at (416) 965-3720.

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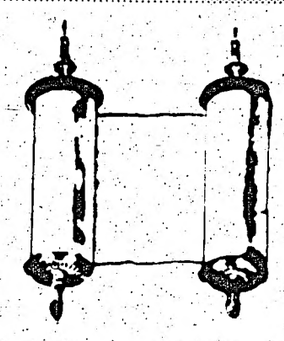

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Meekaytz/Chanukah 5746.

Words are the window to the heart. They have to be full of love — and saychel.

A maggid (itinerant preacher) once visited Rizhin, and invited the rabbi to listen to his sermon. The maggid spoke and spoke, and at the end asked the rabbi what he thought of his drasha.

Answered the rabbi, who was impatient with the endless, empty sermon: "We find three times that the word "maggid" is used in the Torah —

"Maggid devrav l'Yaakov . . . He spoke His words to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel . . .

"Maggid mee'reishit acharit . . . He spoke of the final times from the very beginning . . .

"V'ain maggid . . . And there was no one to tell (Pharaoh) . . ."

Explained the rabbi: "These three maggids in the Torah represent the three type of maggidim and sermonizers who give speeches.

"The first maggid is Maggid deverav l'Yaakov . . . He speaks of G-d's ordinances to Jacob. When he gets up at the pulpit, he teaches and guides the congregation about mitzvot and their obligations . . . That's the best type of maggid . . .

"Then comes the second maggid . . . He tells may'reshit acharit . . . He inspires the people not with words of Torah, but pointing out great historical moments of the past. He draws beautiful pictures of the future — giving people hope. There is merit in that also . . .

"But finally there are maggidim like you — ain maggid . . . who just talk and talk all sorts of nonsense, take up the rabbi's time by inviting him — and say nothing!" (Fun Unzer Alten Oitzer)

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What does G-d look at, the inside or the outside? Can we fool Him?

What does He want from us but to light up the world around us?

Consider . . . this week's parsha describes the brilliant rise of Joseph. Drawn out of a deep prisoner's pit, he was brought to Pharaoh — mightiest ruler of the world — and interpreted two disturbing dreams, the lean cows, the lean wheat stalks.

G-d spoke through his mouth!

Announced Pharaoh in amazement: "Hanimtza ka'zeh . . . can be found anyone like this person, within whom is the spirit of G-d!"

What was Pharaoh so amazed about? Were there any lack of holy people, tzadikim, in the world?

But Pharaoh looked at Joseph. How was he dressed? A long black kapputa? Tsisis out? The rabbis teach: "Joseph used to brush his hair into beautiful locks, and wore elegant clothing . . ."

Joseph? Joseph looked like a modern Egyptian! Joseph? He had on blazer and slacks. Joseph? He could speak to everyone.

And yet hidden behind the front was the neshama of a tzaddik. Tzaddikim don't belong in Jerusalem hidden away behind books. Every Jew must be a tzaddik, on Bathurst St., or on Yonge St., in Toronto. Outside we can be cool. Inside, every Jew must burn with holiness.

On this holiday, I pay a special Chanukah tribute to my dear wife Susan, partner in these articles — a female Joseph — whose love for Yiddishkeit brings warmth to every one she touches.

A bright, happy Chanukah. Shabbat Shalom.

Seek awareness, says Weinberg

Rabbi stresses the use of free will

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

The essence of a human being is found in his or her use of free will, Rav Noah Weinberg, founder and head of Aish HaTorah, told guests at the organization's recent monthly Executive Lunch Study Session.

Weinberg, finishing a 5-week North American tour before returning to Aish HaTorah's headquarters in Jerusalem, spoke to more than 30 businessmen and women in the boardroom of Fogler, Rubinoff.

Aish HaTorah, an organization devoted to learning and instilling Jewish pride holds the monthly sessions in the offices and boardrooms of the various participants to encourage attendance and interest.

Weinberg's topic, Free Will: How much do we use it?, focused on Deuteronomy chapter 30 (verses 15 and 19). But the charismatic rabbi dealt with the topic broadly, abstractly, humorously and through analogy.

"In order to use our free will we have to know how to focus it and where to focus it," Weinberg said.

Everybody wants to be good; they are even willing to die to achieve a worthwhile purpose, but often they make mistakes, he added, explaining that Judaism considers people to make mistakes not sins.

"Do people choose to make mistakes? No they don't choose to make mistakes and yet their mistakes can be deadly ones," he said.

The Torah, he continued, referring to the passages in Deuteronomy, says there is a choice between life and good and death and evil. The Torah commands that we choose good, said Weinberg.

"What is the choice? To take the pain in order to go on or to quit, to sleep, to withdraw?

"Life is accepting the pain to go on, asking yourself if it's the truth — or saying: 'I cannot do it. It won't work.' That's death. And in Judaism it is a failure to die."

The key to free will and a valuable life, Weinberg concluded, is to choose full awareness, to be sensitive to others and sensitive to oneself.

"Every human being is programmed with wisdom. The choice is do you seek understanding or are you a quitter?"

Rav Weinberg was born in New York in 1930, and ordained at Ner Israel Yeshiva in Baltimore. He studied for two years at the Mir Yeshiva in Israel, and made aliya 25 years ago.

Rabbi Noah Weinberg

In 1972 he founded Ohr Somayech Yeshiva in Jerusalem, and began Aish HaTorah there in 1974. It now has branches in Toronto, New Jersey, Los Angeles and St. Louis.

The luncheon study sessions have been conducted by Aish HaTorah since last fall. At the luncheon held in September, Rabbi Yaacov Weinberg, brother of Noah Weinberg and dean of graduate studies at Ner Israel Yeshiva in Baltimore spoke on the relationship between identity and celebrating the High Holidays.

For more information about the activities of Aish HaTorah, phone 636-7530.

Canadian JDL "thrives"

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Despite the resignation of Rabbi Meir Kahane as head of the Jewish Defence League, the organization continues to thrive and expand in Canada, says its Canadian director.

Meir Halevi told The CJN that while Kahane's departure from the JDL has had little effect in Canada, it has been more noticeable in New York, which the Brooklyn-born rabbi frequents. There, some JDL supporters have switched their support to Kahane's Kach Party.

While a Canadian branch of Kach could be formed, Halevi said he is reluctant to get involved as he prefers to stay clear of Israeli politics and to keep the two organizations separate.

Halevi said that while some of the JDL's Canadian supporters would like to see closer ties maintained with Kahane, there has been no serious "fallout" from his resignation.

Instead, he said, the JDL continues to expand in Canada with a new chapter in Edmonton and another in the works for Montreal.

Halevi said the Alberta chapter has about 20 members so far and is led by David Strauss. It will be "keeping tabs" on the (James) Keegstra situation out West, Halevi said, as well as monitoring the activities of the Aryan Nations organization which has established a base there.

Halevi added that a demonstration is planned in front of the home of the leader of Aryan Nations in April. At that time, people will be flown in from Canada and the U.S. to take part, he said.

The JDL will also continue its activities in Toronto which include patroling communities, synagogues and cemeteries and bringing in guest speakers.

The next speaker will be Irv Rubin, national chairman of the JDL in the U.S. on Jan. 12.

Halevi said the JDL will continue to investigate the presence of war criminals in Canada and applauded the work of the Deschenes Commission.

The Canadian director said the commission has already been successful in bringing previously unknown facts to light.

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JNF Negev Dinner honors Don and Judy Carr

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO — More than 1,100 members of the Toronto Jewish community turned out at the recent Jewish National Fund 1985 Negev Dinner to pay tribute to the dinner honorees, Don and Judy Carr.

The mood in the Centennial Ballroom of the Royal York Hotel was joyous. "This really isn't a formal dinner — it's a simcha," Saul Zitzerman, national president of JNF Canada said.

Dr. Arnold (Bucky) Epstein, dinner co-chairman, emphasized that "we are here not only to honor the Carrs, but to bestow on them the most precious gift of all, the gift of affection and respect."

Madeleine Epstein, his wife and co-chairman of the dinner, received her share of tributes as well. Confined to a hospital bed following an automobile accident several months ago, she was unable to attend the dinner.

But, Don Carr said in his address, Madeleine had worked tirelessly for the success of the dinner, even insisting on holding meetings in her hospital room.

His wish for a "refuah shelama" (a complete recovery) was echoed by Sidney Bearg, president of JNF Toronto, Israeli Consul-General Gideon Saguy, and Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Temple Sinai.

The Epsteins were the 1982 Toronto Negev Dinner honorees.

The dinner launched the new Canadian JNF project — "The Redeemers of Jerusalem" — which will enhance the environment of Israel's unified capital by creating a ring of green belts linking the already existing national forests.

Saguy linked the Carrs to the symbol of JNF — the trees which have reclaimed the land since the inception of the Fund — by describing them in terms of the two trees in the Torah's description of the Garden of Eden: the tree of life and the tree of knowledge.

Don Carr's knowledge and intellectual abilities have been used in the defence of Israel and the Jewish people, said Saguy.

Recalling his first meeting with the Carrs in Israel during the Lebanon war, Saguy praised Carr for seeking the truth behind the media coverage and speaking out.

(Carr took public issue with uncritical coverage given to statements made by a Canadian doctor working with the PLO.)

"You are the kind of human being who bears the courage of your convictions," Saguy said.

And in a reference to Judy Carr's work on behalf of Jews in distress in Arab lands, Saguy said, "as far as 'chaim' (life) is concerned, in your case, it is spelled rescue."

In her address to the dinner, Carr recalled her introduction to the Toronto Jewish community as a young out-of-town student from Sudbury.

It was not as easy to become part of the community then, she said, particularly for someone who did not have the network of early family ties and school friendships.

And then, with her trademark grin, Carr acknowleged: "Of course, I was always somewhat of a radical."

While the membership of the established Jewish community discreetly protested the visit of Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin to Toronto in the early 70s, she recalled she was part of the group that crashed a formal dinner and unfurled a banner reading "Svoboda" (freedom).

"We cannot answer the agony of our people vicariously. Gifts unaccompanied by deeds are an evasion of responsibility."

March in rallies, write to members of Parliament, volunteer precious time, visit Israel, she urged.

"We owe it to ourselves, as much as to the hostage Jewish communities of the world, to make sure we are not silent again."

In presenting the citation to Judy Carr, Rabbi Pearlson said that she epitomizes the meaning of the traditional Sabbath tribute chanted by a husband to his wife just before the Friday night meal.

"Eshet chayil" (a woman of valor), he said, is the husband's way of saying "My dear, the only way I can be what I am is because you are what you are."

Judy Carr's "life song has been a song of giving," he said.

While Judy Carr's speech was an impassioned plea to look outward to Jewish communities not as fortunate as our own, her husband challenged the community to look at itself.

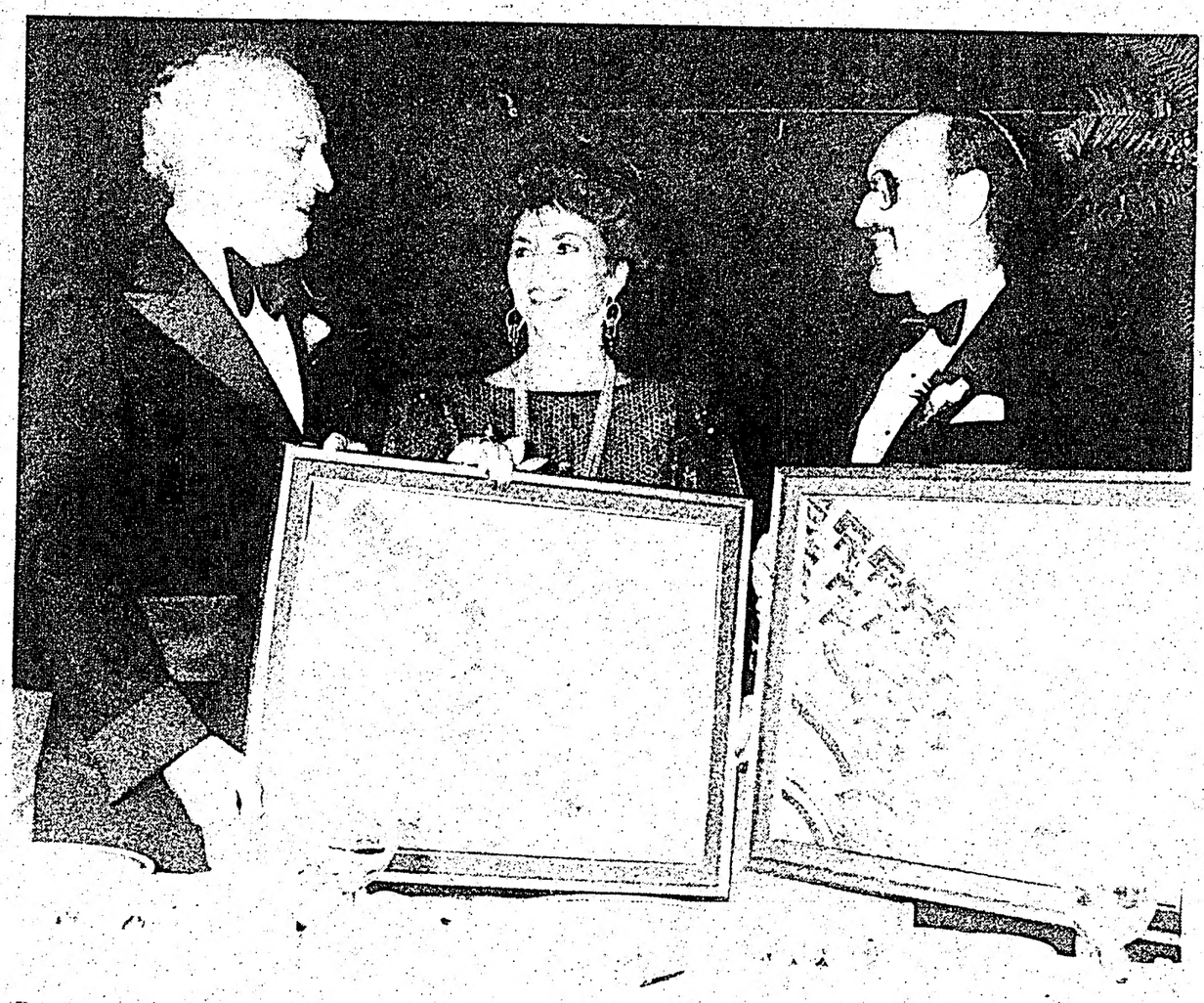
Don Carr pointed out that there were two aspects to the Negev Dinner. First, it is a venture for the benefit of the people of Israel, by their fellow Jews who live in "a land where we insist that we cannot be the target of the allegation of dual loyalty."

He thanked all those who had not only in 1985 but through the years worked to make the Toronto Negev Dinner the most successful such function in the world.

"We are clearly the beneficiaries of history," he said, "but we are also the trustees of our heritage. When we pass it down, it must not merely be preserved, but enhanced."

The second noteworthy aspect of the evening, he continued, was the breadth of participation from the Toronto community.

A Conservative rabbi, Rabbi Benjamin Freidberg, the spiritual leader of the Carrs' own synagogue, Beth Tzedec, had given the invocation and made Hamotzi; a Reform rabbi, Rabbi Pearlson, had presented the citation to Judy; and an Orthodox rabbi, Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, had given him his own citation.



Dr. Arnold "Bucky" Epstein (left) admires the citations presented to 1985 Toronto JNF Negev Dinner honorees Judy and Don Carr. [Graphic Artists photo]

Carr used their example to launch a challenge to the Toronto Jewish community — to lead in charting a course to combat disunity among secular, Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jews in Canada.

He termed this disunity a greater threat than the hostile Arab world, than convicted hatemongers like Jim Keegstra.

Castigating the refusal to participate in meetings held in non-Orthodox synagogues equally with unjustified attacks on Orthodox positions "which are escalating in frequency," Carr said:

"We are sowing the seeds of destruction. I hear wonderful things about Jewish-Christian dialogue. I hear very little about dialogue between Jew and Jew.

"Unless we start to talk, unless we start to accommodate — and accommodation does not mean giving up basic principles of halacha — we will suffer an alienation which will end in calamity for us and all Israel."

Rabbi Witty spoke of Carr's "intelligence, brilliance, and above all his simple menschlikeit — which we all know is not a simple thing — and his intense dedication to Klal Yisroel (all Israel).

"He is a true leader, involved heart and soul with a cause as sacred as Jewish education."

Rabbi Witty worked closely with Carr and Sidney Midanik when they co-chaired the Toronto Jewish Congress Study Committee on Jewish Education in the early 1970s.

Witty called the committee's final report "a landmark document which limned the horizons of Jewish education" for the community.

"Everything that he does is done with good humor, good taste and good sense."

The Carrs were not the only ones honored at the dinner. Sidney Bearg paid tribute to the Epsteins for "their unusual energy, their own brand of optimism;" to Morris Kaufman, chairman of the major gifts foundations committee of Toronto JNF; to Nathan Hurwich, the general canvass chairman for the dinner.

Also to the associate dinner chairmen, George Cohon, Helen Cooper, Sydney Cooper, David Dennis, Leonard Fine and Morris Gross; to the arrangements chairman, Phyllis Flatt; and to Maurice Benzacar and Daniel Zultek, who with Bearg himself, Helen Cooper, Hurwich and Kaufman, were cited by the dinner committee for "extraordinary meritorious service."

And in a graceful turnaround, Epstein made a presentation to Bearg, thanking him for his devotion to the work of the JNF.

Zitzerman introduced the audio-visual presentation, pointing out that JNF Canada has launched the project on the 18th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem.

"The ring of green around the city of gold is a physical, living symbol of the united city," he said.

Robert Hall was, as he has been for many years, master of ceremonies; Cantor Paul Kowarsky of Beth Tzedec Congregation, led the national anthems of Canada and Israel and the grace after the meal.

Seated with the Carrs at the head table were: Yehoshua Bar-Am, the representative of Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel in Ontario, and Meira Bar-Am; Michael Goldstein of Montreal, JNF Canada executive vice-president, and Leah Goldstein; Lewis J. E. Moses, immediate past president, JNF Toronto, and Ethel Moses.

Robert and Edith Hall; Morris and Bayla Gross; Jack Gwartz, 1985 campaign chairman, United Jewish Appeal, and Judy Gwartz; Nathan and Roey Hurwich; Allan and Helen Cooper; Rabbi Jordan Pearlson; Rose and Morris Kaufman; Sidney and Annette Bearg; Saul Zitzerman; Dr. Arnold (Bucky) Epstein.

Gideon and Meri Saguy; George and Susan Cohon; Leonard and Andrea Fine; Sydney and Florence Cooper; Ronald Appleby, president of Toronto Jewish Congress, and Bunnie Appleby; Rabbi Irwin and Shulamit Witty.

Honorary chairman of the Negev Dinner Joseph Tanenbaum; Frances Mandell, secretary, JNF Canada and Marvin Mandell; Rabbi Benjamin and Lola Freidberg; Cantor Paul and Adele Kowarsky; and Yehuda Danzig, executive director of JNF Ontario, and Etty Danzig.

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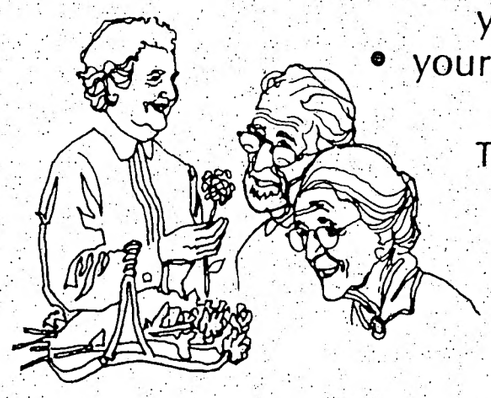

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Organizations and People

"Jews and non-Jews are angry"

Spy affair will hurt, lobbyist says

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The spy scandal surrounding Jonathan Pollard, a U.S. Navy counter-intelligence analyst who admitted spying for Israel, will damage Israel's image in Washington, says a member of the only official Israeli lobby on Capitol Hill.

Anna Gotlieb, a staff associate of AIPAC (The American-Israel Public Affairs Committee), told a United Jewish Appeal breakfast meeting recently that in Washington, "everybody— Jews and non-Jews— are angry" about the Pollard affair.

Pollard, 31, admitted two weeks ago that Israel was paying him about $2,500 a month since the spring of 1984 in exchange for classified intelligence material.

Israel officially apologized to the United States after Pollard was arrested but denied involvement in his activities and said it was at a loss to explain what happened. The matter left many in the U.S. stunned that Israel, such a staunch ally, would be involved in espionage against the United States.

Gotlieb's group, which represents the only registered Israeli lobby in Washington, is now attempting to contain the damage caused by the Pollard affair, but Arab lobby groups, she said, will "get a lot of mileage" out of it.

However, Gotlieb said the fallout over the Pollard affair "will pass," giving way to more urgent matters concerning Israel.

With 50,000 members in four American cities, AIPAC employs four full-time lobbyists and a team of 75 writers, researchers and economists to counter what Gotlieb said is a concerted campaign by pro-Arab and pro-PLO groups on Capitol Hill to discredit Israel in the eyes of congressmen.

AIPAC produces educational material, booklets and information about Israel for congressmen, Gotlieb said, and seeks to strengthen U.S.-Israel ties.

In fiscal year 1985, AIPAC took credit in securing a record $2.6 billion in military and economic aid to Israel.

Gotlieb said, though, that there has been "growing anti-Israeli sentiment" in the capital ever since the 1981 U.S. sale of AWACS surveillance planes to Saudi Arabia.

"We realized for the first time how much clout American business has on Capitol Hill," in lobbying for the sale to go through, Gotlieb told the group of young professionals.

Arab lobby groups, like the Arab-American Alert and AIPAC's Arab counterpart, the National Association of Arab Americans, are more anti-Israel than pro-Arab, she stated.

She said they are also cozying up to Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, a figure who is "plaguing" AIPAC. Farrakhan was the keynote speaker at the NAAA's 1985 convention, Gotlieb pointed out.

But Farrakhan is now in danger of alienating many mainstream U.S. Blacks because of his close ties with the Ku Klux Klan, she added.

AIPAC works toward correcting misconceptions about Israel and American Jews, Gotlieb said. These include the notion that U.S. Jews have dual loyalties and give blind support to Israel.

Many of those accusations are bolstered by full-page advertisements taken out in prominent U.S. newspapers by Arab groups, many of which, Gotlieb claimed, are being financed by American big business who have interests in Arab states.

Arab lobby groups accuse Israel of violating human rights, supporting apartheid in South Africa, wanton killing in Lebanon and draining much-needed tax dollars from the U.S. in the form of foreign aid, Gotlieb said.

She said a new form of anti-Israel feeling has surfaced on Capitol Hill in the guise of Holocaust denial literature being sent to congressmen.

Motel Truss dies in Bridgetown

A funeral was recently held for Motel Truss, a founding member of B'nai Shalom North Congregation in Thornhill, in Bridgetown, Barbados.

Truss, past president and gabbi of the Shaarei Tzedeck Congregation of Bridgetown, had lived in Barbados since the early 1950s, having formerly been a resident of Trinidad since the war years. He was involved in the ladies' handbag manufacturing business and other businesses in the Bridgetown community.

Truss initiated the purchase of the present site of the only active Jewish congregation in Barbados and was instrumental in designing many of the religious artifacts in the synagogue.

While living in Toronto for five years, Truss helped found B'nai Shalom North Congregation.

Rabbi Solomon Domb, spiritual leader of the Thornhill congregation, delivered the eulogy, stressing Truss' religious roots.

At the funeral, dignitaries from all levels of government, including the governor-general of Barbados, the prime minister, members of the senate and parliament, as well as the entire Jewish community of 30 families, came out to pay their final respects at the Dover Congregation Centre.

Truss is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and six children, one of whom is the only Jewish member of parliament in the Caribbean and holds a double portfolio as minister of tourism and of the environment in Barbados.

A memorial fund has been set up by the B'nai Shalom North Congregation, which includes a Torah dedication.

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Organizations and People

Special education facility for Orthodox children

Obel Sarah school fulfils a vital need in Israel

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Israel has long been at the forefront of educating mentally disabled children. Many of the country's university faculties have developed world-renowned methods of teaching retarded, brain-damaged and autistic children.

But curiously enough, there is no full government-supported apparatus in Israel for disturbed children from Orthodox families— those who require special educational as well as religious attention.

And according to Rivka Ginsberg, there would be nothing in Israel for mentally disabled Orthodox children if it weren't for her school.

Ginsberg is the founder and director of Ohel Sarah, which she describes as Israel's only special education facility for Orthodox children.

Located in Bnei Brak, between Tel Aviv and Petah Tikva, Ohel Sarah, (named for Ginsberg's mother) opened in 1978 with two students. It has since grown to a whole network of smaller school settings catering to autistic, retarded, emotionally disturbed, epileptic and cerebral palsy children, almost all of them from religious families.

Here, on top of being given behavioral therapy, the children begin their days with prayers, are taught, if possible, to read Talmud and to know the weekly parsha. Many are taught their Aleph Bet from the beginning. From kindergarten age on, girls and boys are separated.

The school has an excellent record of integrating learning disabled children into everyday cheders and of maintaining a highly observant standard, Ginsberg says.

The trouble at Ohel Sarah, she adds, as with many private schools in Israel, is one of funds.

Ginsberg and Rachel Wagowski, a former Torontonian who made aliya eight years ago and two of whose children are now students at Ohel Sarah, were in Toronto recently to try and set up a sisterhood for the school, which runs almost entirely on donations.

Some 75 people came to the Beth Jacob High School last week to hear the women describe the school's programs and to view the bright, chipper artwork produced by the children.

Ohel Sarah operates on the philosophy that through art, Torah, love and a lot of patience, almost any special child can eventually be placed into mainstream Orthodox society in Israel.

The various schools at Ohel Sarah enrol some 100 students from around the country but not all are Orthodox. Any mentally handicapped child who cannot be placed elsewhere is accepted.

In an interview with The CJN prior to returning to Israel, Ginsberg pointed out the need for continued donations to the school.

She said the municipality of Bnei Brak has donated buildings and materials and the federal government has covered a small part of the school's expenses. There are no tuition fees in the first year and only nominal ones in subsequent years. The brunt of costs are covered by donations.

It used to be, she explained, that mentally handicapped children born into traditionally large religious families were often kept at home and then, for better or worse, placed in regular cheders. It usually didn't work.

Now, observant families are given a variety of programs from which to choose, all in a religious framework.

There's a full-time program for brain-damaged girls and young women, a kindergarten for autistic children, a centre for boys with learning disabilities, a club for the deaf, a rehabilitation program for older women in which they are paid a salary, and a project in which special teachers accompany children to their regular classes.

It all costs money: over $400 per pupil per day. Teachers must be paid, supplies purchased. There are plenty of volunteers— Ginsberg herself is one. She's never been paid for her services.

"Many of these children are extremely difficult. They are hyperactive, violent, in a world of their own. But they are taught, first, self-control. My aim is to bring these children into a place where they will be able to take care of themselves," said Ginsberg, a trained teacher who proudly displays letters of commendation for the school from Israel's leading educators and psychologists.

"I get very, very tired sometimes," she admits. "But you have to keep trying.

"A lot of the parents say, 'God gave us this child to make sure we perform mitzvot every day.'"

Her kids are indeed special.

There's Shlomo, a shy child who reads Talmud but cannot speak. He requires speech therapy.

There's an adult woman who suddenly lapses into child-like behavior. Yet, she's somewhat of an expert on the Gemara from reading Talmud aloud to her blind father.

And there are dozens of other severely retarded, spastic and emotionally disturbed youngsters making a go at life.

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Mentally disabled Orthodox children get special help at Ohel Sarah, described as the only school of its kind in Israel.

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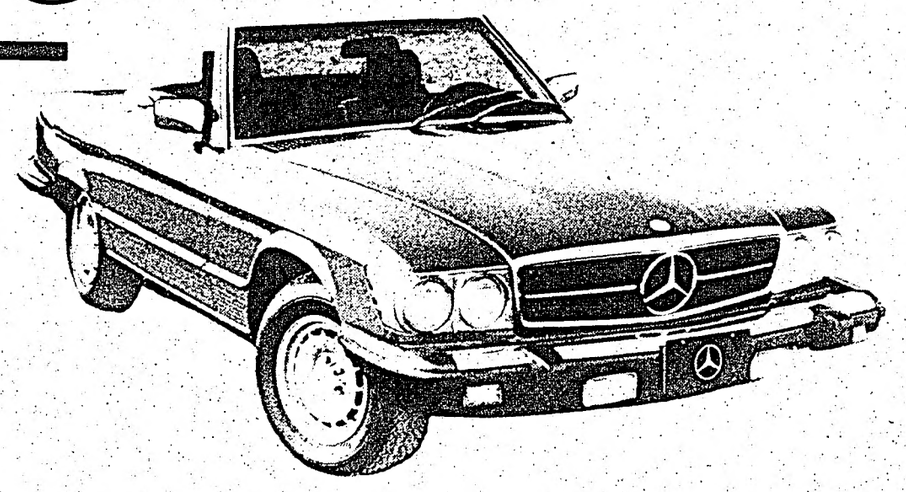

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Organizations and People

Will also receive honorary doctorate

Canadian Friends of Haifa U to honor Cohon

TORONTO —

George A. Cohon, chairman, president and chief executive officer of McDonald's Restaurants of Canada, will be honored by the Canadian Friends of Haifa University at a dinner to be held at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto next May 22.

The announcement was made this week by Michael Davis, CFHU's acting national president.

Cohon, a longtime supporter of Haifa University and a member of the Canadian Friends' board of directors, is to receive an honorary doctorate from the university in June.

The Prime Minister's Medal, Israel's highest public service award, the B'nai B'rith Humanitarian Award, and the Canadian Children's Foundation Promises of Hope Award are among other honors Cohon has received since coming to Toronto from Chicago in

George A. Cohon

1968 as the licensee for McDonald's in Eastern Canada.

McDonald's, which is the first fast-food chain ever to be included in the Dow Jones index of 30 leading stocks, expanded rapidly under Cohon's leadership. When McDonald's combined its operation in Eastern and Western Canada, Cohon became president of the new company.

Talking about Haifa University, Cohon said he was "concerned that its importance is very much underestimated in the community. At a time when Israel's neighbors are filling their universities to overflowing, all of us know that Israel's existence depends on maintaining its qualitative lead.

"Haifa U," he said, "is the only local university in the entire north of Israel. If it did not exist, thousands of potential Jewish, Arab and Druze students would be denied a higher education altogether since they could not afford to live and study in Jerusalem or Tel Aviv, and Israel would be the worse off for it."

Calling on the community to get behind the Haifa campaign next year, Cohon said severe government cuts in the university's budget over the last few years because of Israel's economic situation, had forced the university to let go some of its most talented younger professors and make many other difficult economies, including the closing down of departments. "We can and will help to reverse this trend," he said.

Cohon holds a BSc from Drake University and a Juris Doctorate from Northwestern's School of Law. He is a director, governor or board member of more than 30 organizations including the Olympic Trust of Canada, the Hugh McMillan Medical Centre, The Canadian Jewish News, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Ronald McDonald Houses of Canada and the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

He has served as special events chairman for the United Way of Metropolitan Toronto and foundations co-chairman for the 1985 Negev Dinner. He is currently national campaign chairman for State of Israel Bonds and chairman of the board of governors of Exhibition Place.

Bank closes its Canadian office

By PAUL LUNGEN

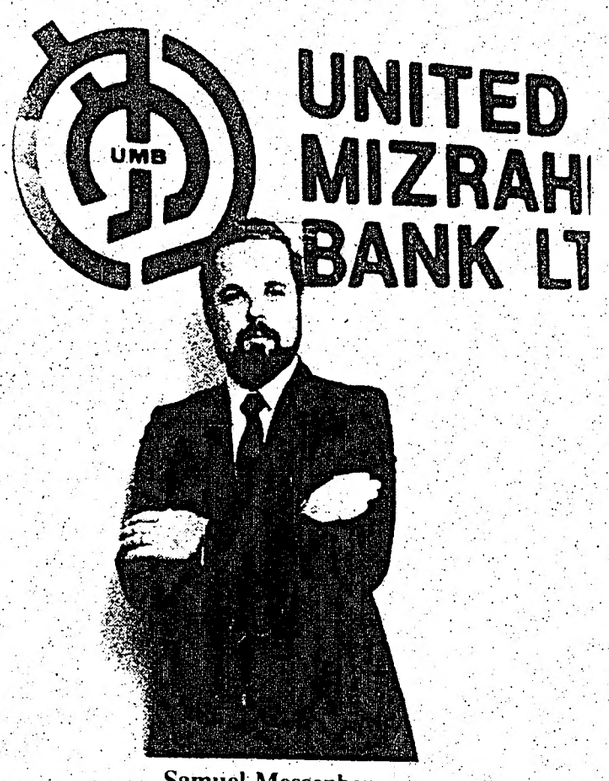
TORONTO —

Three years after it opened for business, the United Mizrahi Bank is closing its Canadian representative office.

Tough competition, unfavorable profit/loss prospects and a program of retrenching led head office in Israel to decide to terminate its Toronto-based operations, Samuel Messenberg, UMB's vice-president for regional management in the Western hemisphere, told The CJN.

The representative office acts as a "liaison" between its Canadian clientele and UMB's worldwide subsidiaries, Messenberg said in a telephone interview from New York. It also provides information and assists business transactions and trade, he added, but it does not perform banking functions such as taking deposits and lending money.

When it opened, it was hoped the representative office would provide a "foothold" in UMB's plan to open a full-service bank in Canada, Messenberg, former manager of the Toronto-based office, said.



Samuel Messenberg

But an influx of 57 foreign-owned (Schedule B of the Bank Act) banks in the last two years, coupled with the presence of three full-service Israel-based banks — Bank Leumi, Israel Discount Bank and Bank Hapoalim — "rubbing elbows" led to a tightening of UMB's potential market, Messenberg said.

Projected profit/loss figures didn't justify a $5-$10 million initial capital investment in setting up a UMB bank in Canada, head office concluded, and so the decision was made to close the representative office in Canada on Dec. 13, he said.

Referring to present economic circumstances as "lean years," Messenberg pointed to a Canadian-based bank closing a subsidiary operation in the United States in an effort to streamline operations.

Messenberg said UMB's decision to retrench was not permanent, and he held out the prospect that the UMB may one day reopen operations in Canada.

In the meantime, he said, UMB's Canadian clients can still carry on business with its office in New York, where he has been reassigned.

The United Mizrahi Bank is Israel's fourth largest financial institution, with assets of more than $4.5 billion.

BGU head stresses need for support

OTTAWA —

In Israel's current economic crisis, its universities are more than ever in need of the support of the Jewish people throughout the world, Prof. Chaim Elata rector and acting president of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, said here recently.

This need is greatest for Israel's youngest institution for higher learning, Ben-Gurion University, which is charged with the national mission of helping to develop the Negev, Elata told a meeting of the Ottawa branch of the Canadian Associates of BGU.

He emphasized the importance of higher education to the future of Israel so dependent on skilled and trained manpower for its economic progress and security.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Erwin Koranyi, head of the Ottawa branch of the Associates. Susannah Delfan thanked Elata for the "inspiring and informative address."

Among those present at the meeting were members of the Israeli diplomatic corps, headed by Ambassador Eliashiv Ben-Horin.

Elata also met privately with the leadership of the Ottawa branch of the Associates.

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Keve Ladowsky becomes Elm Ridge's "pioneer"

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
In every group there is usually at least one pioneer and at Elm Ridge Group Living Residence his name is Keve Ladowsky.

The senior citizens' home recently opened its doors at 165 Elm Ridge Dr. and 81-year-old Ladowsky was the first resident to move in. And while he's got the run of the house at the moment, coordinators of the project are confident the house will reach its 14-person capacity.

Faye Geitzhals, staff coordinator at the residence, told The CJN they are expecting two additional residents by the end of the month and that applications are still being accepted. She said the residence has been designed for senior citizens who can function on their own. Ladowsky, despite his age, can still drive and works from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Ladowsky said he is pleased with his new home and is willing to answer questions about Elm Ridge put to him by interested parties.

"I like to be the first in many things," said the spry senior who was a founding member of Beth Sholom. "When I heard about this place I was interested right away."

"It's great to have a pioneer here," added Debby Vigoda, chairman of the project which is jointly run by Jewish Family & Child Service and Toronto Jewish Congress' Kehilla Residential Program.

The residence is equipped for the elderly and includes call bells in each bedroom and throughout the house, as well as an elevator.

Each resident is provided with a private bedroom which can be furnished to suit individual tastes, a semi-private bathroom and shares a kitchenette, sitting room and lounges where family and friends can be entertained.

Geitzhals said that evening programs will be offered for the residents.

For further information call Geitzhals at 638-7800.

Debby Vigoda, chairman of the Elm Ridge Group Living Residence project, welcomes the first resident Keve Ladowsky. [Graphic Artists photo]

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One of the more pleasant occasions for Zvi Garcy (right) during his Toronto stay, was his appearance at the Stashiver Society UJA meeting at which he was the guest speaker. With him are Shalom Hershkop, Nathan Freedman, Gertie Kates and Henry Jaskolka.

Anyone entering the main fourth floor meetings rooms of the Lipa Green Building last week might have thought they'd stumbled on a cleaning ladies convention gone berserk, what with mops, brooms, dustpans, sponges and what-nots adorning the walls.

It was UJA's **Clean Sweep Week,** beginning Sunday, and under **Adrienne Offman's** tutelage, the ambience couldn't have been more perfect for the occasion. She had a lot of help from **Max Handelman,** who recruited canvassers involved in the general campaign, **Herb Rosenfeld** and **Michael Benjamin,** who persuaded TJC officers and executive and agency board members, respectively, to participate.

Anne Handelman was the all-important food co-ordinator for the breakfast and four evening dinners, and **Shirley Sobel,** working with a "dynamite" committee, was responsible for getting a raft of prizes, all of them donated.

The idea, of course, was to get as many outstanding cards as possible covered before the official windup deadline. But what's wrong with having fun while you're at it? Nothing at all, and Adrienne focused on that aspect during the planning of Clean Sweep Week.

The spirit of fun reached out to UJA professionals and clerical staff who were on hand to move things along and help make the Sunday morning and each of the four consecutive evenings an enjoyable, productive exercise for everyone.

Activities were not only confined to the fourth floor. **Rebecca Egier,** Young Adults chairman, had a contingent from her division on the telephones in one of the fifth floor boardrooms for most of Sunday morning.

Also well represented was the Societies Division, with **Harry Binder** heading the troops.

Trying to keep track of Women's Division canvassers who came out during the week was an almost impossible task, but here are the ones who signed on for at least one night:

Barbara Bank, Sandi Bernstein, Susan Borden, Susan Fenwick, Elaine Fink, Debbie Godfrey, Fay Gold, Susan Goldberg, Carol Gordon, Judy Gwartz, Dolores Haber, Denise Isenberg, Gertie Kates, Sherry Kaufman, Julie Koschitzky, Faith Lederer, Fran Massey, Rena Marcus, Diane Miller, Sadie Miller.

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Congratulations to **Dr. Morris Goldfinger** and his wife, **Dr. Helen Jazrawy,** on the birth of their daughter, **Natalie Joanna.** Morris was this year's Mount Sinai Hospital co-captain.

The month of November was a particularly active time for the Accountants and Lawyers divisions. Following on the success of the initial joint program at which **Edward Bronfman** was the featured speaker, there was a series of combined telethons organized by their respective chairmen **Aaron Brotman, Marvin Geist** and **Allen Karp.**

Participants included **Don Borts, Paul Braun, Ron Cohen, Michael Daren, Gary Fogler, Jerry Friedman, Eldon Moses, Les Nevsky, Gerry Prenick, Barry Sacks, Harlon Schoenfeld, Rick Sutin** and **Stan Wax.**

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A new location has been set for the annual UJA Student Dance, slated for Saturday, January 11.

It will take place at the Richmond Hill Country Club and ticket prices have **not** been raised. Again, it will be $8.00 per person in advance, or $10.00 at the door.

Inflation? They're ignoring it.

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Organizations and People

Conservatives have choice

Rabbi predicts full equality for women near

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
Changes in the Conservative movement allowing greater religious participation for women is the positive culmination of changes that began long ago, Rabbi Howard Hoffman told educators at a recent workshop.

Hoffman, rabbi of Or Shalom Congregation in London, Ont., was guest speaker at the 1st Annual Professional Day In Conservative Jewish Schools.

Presented by the Board of Jewish Education, the Jewish Educators assembly and the United Synagogues of America, Ontario Region at the Lipa Green Building, the 1-day symposium considered the subject: Tefillah at home, school and beyond.

Hoffman, speaking on women and prayer, said that women will come to be equal partners to men and will participate in many of the religious activities now dominated by men.

After noting that Orthodoxy obliges women to perform a number of mitzvot including reciting many tefillot, Hoffman said that often there was more emphasis on mitzvot for which women had no obligation.

However, over time, Orthodoxy allowed more liberal interpretations of mitzvot women could perform, so "it is not then only in the world of Conservative Judaism that a liberalization has occurred," said Hoffman.

But "the Conservative movement has done publicly what has only been a matter of individual responsibility in more traditional circumstances.

"While drawing the line between private and public performance may have been possible in the past, the future looks different."

The equality experienced by women in our democratic society has created a situation where equal religious, public participation is demanded, "and we are now having second thoughts."

That hesitation encourages adopting one of three possibilities Hoffman said. "We in the Conservative movement can return to old patterns; accept full female participation all at once; or phase in that participation slowly over time."

Rabbi Howard Hoffman

But even as the issue is debated, many women are making a greater commitment to religious practice by wearing a tallit, putting on tefillen and carrying out other formerly male-dominated functions, Hoffman said.

As evidence of the more direct role women are beginning to have, Hoffman referred to a copy of a new siddur, Sim Shalom.

Edited by Jules Harlow, the prayer book includes such changes as appropriate wording for women for the blessings on tefillen, and the inclusion of Sarah, Rifkah, Rachel and Leah instead of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob during the repitition of the amidah.

Women rabbis are "the leading edge" of the move towards equalization, Hoffman said, and the end of a long process of change. "I for one applaud the change," Hoffman concluded.

Besides Hoffman, four teachers from Or Shalom Hebrew School came from London to the workshop.

Also participating, were teacher, administrators and laymen from: Beth Tikvah Hebrew School, Adath Israel Religious School, Beth Sholom Religious School, Beth Tzedec Congregational School, United Congregational Schools, and Shaareh Haim Hebrew School.

Representing the sponsoring organizations were Ruth Bass, president, United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region; Sam Kapustin, president, Federation of Teachers in Hebrew Schools; Shirley Kumove, executive director, United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region, Harold Malitzky, chairman, Jewish Educators Assembly, Canada Region, and associate director, Board of Jewish Education; and Penina Spetgang, principal of Shaareh Haim Hebrew School, workshop coordinator, and director of the teachers' centre, Board of Jewish Education.

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Protest group founder seeks funds for yeshiva

TORONTO —
The founder of the original 35s, a women's protest group for Soviet Jewry in London, England, came to Toronto recently after completing a tour of the United States.

But Barbara Oberman was traveling this time not for Soviet Jews, but for Yeshivat Hesder Shiloh. As head of the International Committee of Friends of Yeshivat Hesder Shiloh, Oberman is seeking funds to help the institution accommodate more students by building new facilities, and getting scholarships for underprivileged students.

Hesder means arrangement in English, Oberman explains. The hesder yeshivot combine three years in yeshiva plus two years of army service.

Barbara Oberman

modate all who wish to attend, Oberman says.

So the administrators plan a new complex with facilities for more than 300 students. The site of the yeshiva, Oberman says, was in biblical times the first capital of Israel, and the first place where the Mishkan, the ark of the covenant rested.

Oberman, whose group, the 35s (now known as the Group of 35), began in protest to Soviet treatment of Raisa Palatnik in 1971 and gradually grew to an army of protesters in Canada, Belgium and New Zealand under the same title, made aliya in 1978. Palatnik was freed and also now lives in Israel.

"I believe in the retaining of the areas of Judea and Samaria," Oberman says. "We should build and encourage people to live there and defend it."

She and her husband Sholomo and their three children have committed themselves to living in Israel. Her oldest son, Dr. Anthony Oberman, fought in the Yom Kippur War. David fought in Lebanon, and Judith served in NAHAL (the "fighting pioneer youth") and now studies at Bar Ilan University.

When tourists come to Israel, they should come and see the yeshiva at Shilo, Oberman says, adding to her invitation the promise that she will look after visitors.

For contributions or more information write: International Committee of Friends of Yeshivat Hesder Shiloh, Mobile Post Efrayim, 44807 Israel, or phone 02-240776 or 02-249930.

Plan new complex

The yeshiva at Shiloh is one of 14 hesder yeshivot. And the some 80 families who live in the community interact well with the members of the yeshiva under the leadership of Michael Brom, says Oberman.

Situated in the hills of Samaria, the yeshiva began with seven students in 1978. It now has 95 students who commit themselves to the 5-year program in the Israel Defence Forces (instead of the normal 3-year tour of duty), but cannot accom-

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(l. to r.) Albert Mend, Vice-President; Gordon Donsky, President; Gordon Mendly, Chairman for Organizations S.W.A.; Abie Levine, Secretary-Treasurer and Harry London, Past President.

Organizations and People

Murray Koffler peers at the 50-foot-high totem poll that contributed an Indian flavor to the celebration of the first anniversary of the Canadian Council of Native Business which he founded. [Christine Marshall-Smith photo]

Indians honor Jewish "chief"

Koffler cited for good deeds

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Murray Koffler, a leader of Toronto's Jewish community and board chairman of the Shoppers Drug Mart empire, was awarded a new title here last week.

In a colorful "potlach" ceremony, at the base of a 50-foot-high red cedar totem pole carved by a British Columbia Haida Indian artist, he was hailed as a "Chief Doer of Good Deeds" who "spurns the hot air and empty promises of some other white men in the Canadian past."

He was so designated by Doug Cuthand, a prairie Cree Indian former journalist, who is now president of the Canadian Council for Native Business (CCNB).

Premier David Peterson joined more than 250 native and non-native business leaders in celebrating the first anniversary of the CCNB at a potlach reception in the atrium of the Maclean Hunter Building at College Park, where the organization's new offices are located.

Koffler founded the Council as a kind of nationwide board of trade, with membership open to native and non-native businessmen.

Koffler, who serves as chairman of the CCNB, said an historic milestone this past year was a 4-day conference held in Winnipeg. Ninety Indian youths from reserves across Canada met with leaders of native and non-native businesses.

It resulted in a CCNB Business Youth Division, allowing the organization members to work directly with future native leaders.

Jack Beaver, an Ojibway Indian engineer from Cobourg, Ont., opened the potlach with a traditional tribal prayer in which he asked The Great Spirit to "help make the strong stronger and the weaker less weak."

Other speakers included David Crombie, federal minister of Indian affairs; Ontario Attorney-General Ian Scott; and Daniel A. Braniff, president of CCNB.

Jane Peloquin, a Metis songwriter and poet, ended the potlach with selections from her album, *Believe In Your Dreams*.

CCNB board directors attending included Edward Maurice Bronfman, chairman of Edper Investments Ltd.; Hudson's Bay Company historian Peter C. Newman; Dorothy Shoichet, a Jewish community leader, active in ORT; and Hilda Sparkes Wilson, president of The Hilda Wilson PR Group.

Also attending were Ray Wolfe, chief executive officer of the Oshawa Group, and his wife, Rose; Sidney S. Schipper, former fur manufacturer and dean of George Brown College, who is now volunteer executive vice-president of CCNB; and Gordon L. Goldie, of Gordon L. Goldie Co. Ltd., a director of CCNB.

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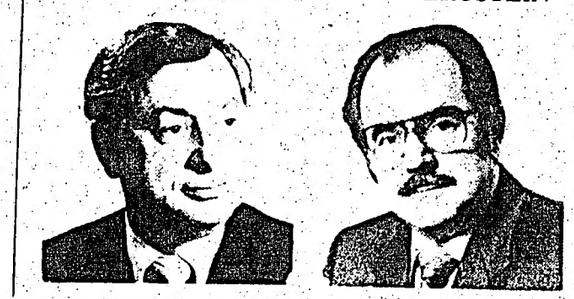
Withdrawing RRSP funds can forfeit tax saving

The Readers Ask

By

MURRAY SHERR & BUNNY BERGSTEIN



Question: Thank you for your article of Nov. 14, which stated the position of a person who withdraws funds from an RRSP and then borrows from a bank to purchase a mutual fund. I agree that this does not make the RRSP withdrawal tax free. But you forgot one major item. The person who does this stops taking advantage of RRSP deposits and tax savings long before he is required to at age 71. Please inform your readers of this part of the cost.

Answer: Thank you, and the others, who reminded us of this point. The Income Tax Act states that a person may continue to deposit funds from earned income or pension rollover up to and including the year in which he or she attains age 71. For those who are taxpayers, this means income tax savings for many years yet.

If, however, a person decides to start withdrawing funds at age 60, that person then voluntarily gives up his right to 11 more years of tax savings. Why should anybody give up such a valuable tax deferral for 11 years? There can be no way that the dream of gains in any mutual fund can make enough money to cover the losses incurred by paying the tax on the withdrawal and paying the interest on the loan and paying back the principal sum and loosing future tax deferrals.

Also lost, and perhaps most important as the person grows old, will be the retirement income for the remainder of that person's life. To us, the scheme is very doubtful.

Question: I have $50,000 in my RRSP and do not want to buy an annuity. Instead I am considering cashing in and forward averaging the tax. Presently my top marginal tax rate is 35%. Do you think this is a practical move?

Answer: We called two accounting firms and got the same answer from each of them. Forward averaging would cost you a lot of money and is not practical.

Forward averaging is always at the top rate. Therefore, you would be paying 50.32% for the 1985 taxation year. This amounts to $25,160 of your $50,000.

Then, if you bring the income back over three years, the tax bracket will be much higher than averaging it over the life of an annuity, which is perhaps 15 years.

A very important point made by both firms is that you lose the present value of $25,160. This amount, if invested at the same 8½% rate as the 1985 Canada Savings Bonds, would have yielded $2,138.60 per year.

And the final point is that $50,000 in a life annuity, guaranteed 15 years minimum, will bring you $502.00 per month for all of your life. The $24,840 that is left after you forward average the $50,000 will only bring about $207 per month at a 10% rate.

We agree with the accountants — forward averaging a large RRSP withdrawal would be a very costly error.

Question: My husband died earlier this year and left an RRSP to me as beneficiary. Since I am now over age 72, I would like to have it transferred into an annuity or RRIF. I'm told that an annuity is my only choice. Is this correct?

Answer: We have looked up the Income Tax Act on this question. Section 60(1) of the Act was amended to allow such rollover in 1982. However, it clearly states annuity, and the annuity must be for life or to age 90. It does not say RRIF or make any reference to a RRIF.

We have also called Revenue Canada, Taxation and they could not give us a clear answer. Therefore we must assume that the wording means an annuity and not a RRIF. To do other than this without prior knowledge would be, in our view, risking a large tax chargeback.

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CZF competition set

TORONTO —

More than 30 young contestants, ages ranging from 15-30 will contest the Canadian Zionist Federation Public Speaking Competition for Youth beginning Jan. 5 at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Preliminary heats, open to the public, will take place on several Sundays during the winter, and culminate in the finals on April 6.

There are three categories according to age: 15-18, 19-22, 23-30, and there will be a top cash prize of $1,000 for each winner. Although this is a Toronto-based competition, entries have also been received from Montreal and Ottawa.

With over 20 heats of the competition to be arranged, each requiring a set of 3 judges and a moderator, planning of the competition has become a logistical problem.

Officers of the CZF and members of the Canadian Academic Study Circle on Zionism form the nucleus of senior officials, but have been augmented by leading members of the community including Lester Scheininger, Judge Phil Givens, Robert Kaplan, Rabbi Henry Hoschander, Melanie Novis, M. J. Nurenberger, Rabbi Irwin Witty, Rabbi Phillip Scheim, David Rotenberg, Rabbi Moshe Stern, Julius Hayman, J. B. Salsberg, Shira Herzog Bessin and Rabbi M. Meirovich.

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Shekter to head family practice department

Hamilton MD receives senior hospitals position

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Prominent Hamilton family physician Dr. Jack Shekter, who began his professional life as a musician, has been appointed head of the department of family practice for Chedoke-McMaster hospitals.

Chedoke Hospital and the McMaster University Medical Centre are the two teaching hospitals associated with the McMaster University medical school, where Shekter has been an assistant clinical professor of family practice for some time.

His appointment comes at the age of 61 and he was selected over a significant number of younger candidates.

Shekter says he will have "the ultimate responsibility for the quality of care provided by family doctors (in these hospitals). If any problems in care are perceived, they will be brought to my attention."

As a member of the medical advisory committee, he will also be responsible for the granting of hospital privileges.

Dr. Jack Shekter

A native of Hamilton, Shekter used to play trumpet and trombone in a band that included his brother, Ben Shekter, and Ben's brother-in-law, Sam Taylor, who recently stepped down as chairman, Ontario Region UIA. They were a popular feature at local weddings, bar mitzvahs and other functions at the time.

He served as a navigator in the air force during the war and afterwards sold real estate for five years before returning to school in 1950. In 1957 he graduated from Queen's University medical school, interned in Hamilton and subsequently opened his family practice in the west end.

A past president of the St. Joseph's Hospital medical staff and of the Hamilton Academy of Medicine, Shekter is presently on the executive of the section of family medicine of the Ontario Medical Association.

Always active in the Jewish community, Shekter is a past president of the Hamilton Jewish Federation, the Hamilton Jewish National Fund and for many years he also served as head of the doctors' division of the local UJA campaign. In 1978 he was the Negev Dinner honoree.

He is also past president of Shalom Village and chairman of the Shalom Village long-range planning committee.

An avid ham radio operator, Shekter is the founder of Chaverim, a group of Jewish amateur radio enthusiasts "which has now settled down to a group of 10 or 12," and includes operators from Ottawa, Montreal, New York State and Ohio.

He and his wife Sonya have three children: Lee, working on his Master's degree in genetics and molecular biology at York University; Michael, in the final year of his BA program at McGill and Helayna, a first year student at the University of Toronto.

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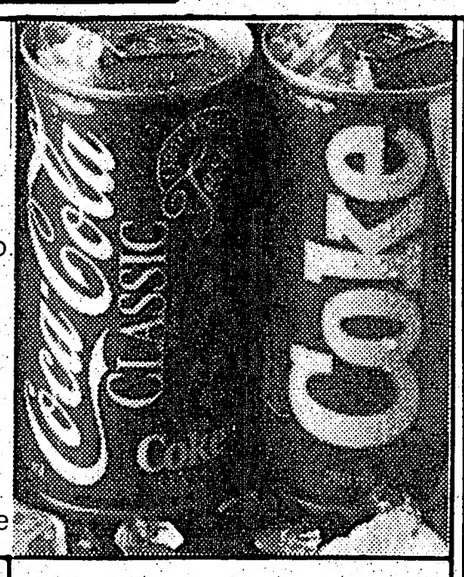

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Your mate's "bad habits" will become yours—author

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Francine Klagsbrun has good news for married couples. Sooner or later (more likely later) you will get used to your partner squeezing the toothpaste from the top of the tube, leaving socks under the bed or wanting to sleep with the window open. It won't be out of out sheer exasperation either. In time, Klagsbrun believes, married people simply incorporate their spouse's idiosyncrasies into their own lives and learn to live with them.

That's just one of the findings Klagsbrun unearthed in her most recent book, Married People: Staying Together in the Age of Divorce.

The result of over 100 interviews in the United States with couples who have been married at least 15 years, the book looks at the exact ties that bind a marriage together and the things that keep one humming.

In Toronto recently to address an Oneg Shabbat and Saturday morning service at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Klagsbrun, a New York City-based Conservative Jewish feminist, social maven and author, told The CJN in an interview the book was an outgrowth of her own vantage point on life, seeing as how she's been married for 30 years and her parents for 62 years.

Ten years ago, Klagsbrun wrote Too Young to Die: Youth and Suicide, which has come to be a standard work on suicide among the young. Her Voices of Wisdom: Jewish Ideals and Ethics For Everyday Living has also become a popular reference for daily Jewish living. Klagsbrun also edited Free to be You and Me, the best-selling, whimsical look at equality between the sexes.

The topic of her Shabbat lecture was staying married as a Jew in the age of divorce, a corollary to her own work but a subject that surfaced during its research.

"It's the Jewish tradition that marriage is the highest ideal in life," said Klagsbrun, a graduate of

Francine Klagsbrun

the Jewish Theological Seminary. "But couples (in the book) who were religious see religion as a key factor in their marriage, whether they were Jewish or not. Religion influenced their entire lives."

Klagsbrun traveled the U.S. interviewing people from all walks of life: secretaries, farmers, doctors, mechanics, and discovered that what mattered most to married couples was compatibility, and specifically, compatibility about values, not things.

"What held these marriages together was first, a basic commitment to marriage— the belief that divorce was not the first option. A commitment to the commitment, as it were.

"Second, the ability to change and adapt and be flexible; and third, the acceptance of the idea that some things don't change, like squeezing toothpaste from the top. My husband still leaves hair in the sink, but I've learned to live with it," Klagsbrun said.

Not all the couples interviewed in the book are Jewish, but Klagsbrun noticed some things apart when it came to the Jewish marriages.

"The first thing I noticed is that they seemed to speak more about family ties. Generally speaking, family connections among the Jewish couples were more positive and warmer than among non-Jewish couples. Non-Jewish couples seemed to regard family in a more distant light.

"On the other hand," Klagsbrun conceded, "Jewish couples tended to complain more about in-laws."

But her most telling finding was that divorce was less prevalent among Jews. Whereas the national divorce rate in the U.S. is approaching 50%, it is on average 10% less in the Jewish community, Klagsbrun estimates.

But, she adds, it's difficult to say why that's so.

Perhaps it's because of the age-old emphasis on a strong, nuclear Jewish family, coupled with a fear left over from the Holocaust that separation is to be avoided at all pains.

Another startling discovery was that intermarriage was "not an enormous source of difficulty.

"In the case of intermarried couples, neither partner cared about religion either way. But if one partner felt stronger than the other, it tended to lead the family in that direction," she maintains.

Strangely enough though, Klagsbrun found that children of intermarriages tended to gravitate more toward Judaism than toward the religion of the other parent. So she isn't buying the fear that intermarriage necessarily leads to wholesale assimilation.

In the U.S., the rate of intermarriage is roughly 40%. The figure is to be interpreted this way: in 40% of all marriages involving Jews, one partner is a non-Jew. Today's rate is double that of 20 years ago.

What Klagsbrun also discovered in intermarriages is a too-frequent indifference on the part of the Jewish grandparents toward the offspring of these unions. She feels grandparents should try to steer children of intermarriages toward Judaism, if that doesn't create conflict in the family.

Klagsbrun, though, strongly discourages living together for couples thinking of marriage. She doesn't accept the old adage of having to try on the shoes before buying them.

"Many couples today live together and sleep together and think they know it all. Living together provides an easy way to walk out. Those people who eventually marry are more prone to do that in the marriage. Living together is just not the right way to prepare for marriage."

As for divorce, Klagsbrun admits some marriages deserve to be terminated.

Some of the couples she interviewed had been divorced and the prevailing attitude was, "I wish I'd tried harder the first time."

But today, sources of conflict are different. What Klagsbrun found came between modern couples these days is the working wife.

"The working woman is a source of a lot of tension. Young couples have no time to be with each other and often, competition (between couples) in the workplace is an issue."

That extends to the Jewish community, she adds. Even some ultra-Orthodox women are working outside the home, and this has led to an "essential" need for good Jewish day care, as it is still the wife who worries more about the children, even if she is working.

Klagsbrun dismisses the view that marriage has made somewhat of a comeback.

"Marriage has always been high. Something like 90% of all Americans get married. That hasn't changed."

What has, however, is that people are getting hitched at a later age, and that is something Klagsbrun welcomes.

The median age of new brides in the U.S. is 23 and 25 for grooms, up sharply from even a decade ago.

"The mid-20s are the best time to get married," Klagsbrun says. "But waiting until your 30s isn't good for marriage. The longer you're single, the more you're set in your ways."

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Family Maccabiah

Hamilton JCC plans winter program for kids

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
The Hamilton Jewish Community Centre will once again offer the Dec. 25 Family Maccabiah which offers an alternative for Jewish families with young children on a day when everything is closed and TV offers nothing but Christmas shows. And as usual the winter program for children will include the popular Camp Horef from Dec. 23 to Jan. 3.

Held for the first time last year, the Dec. 25 Family Maccabiah was the brainchild of JCC executive director Sid Brail, who felt there was a definite need for such a program. His hunch was borne out by the success of last year's event. "Everyone who came, from zaydes to grandchildren, had a very good time," he said.

This year's program will be much the same, says program director Ruth Brown, who has been with the JCC since April and who will also be the Camp Horef director.

Brown started working as a recreation program leader at the age of 12 at the Burlington Y, has since spent five years with the Burlington Shabbaton program and has had two years of recreation leadership training. Before joining the JCC, she worked full time at the Burlington Holiday Inn.

This year's Family Maccabiah program will be much the same as last year with arts and crafts for parents and children, about eight to 10 stations with different games set up in the gym, a guitarist to entertain and a couple of singalongs with printed songsheets so that all can join in.

Throughout, a brunch of bagels, cream cheese, eggs, oranges, juice, tea and coffee will be available and the only fee is $3.50 per person for the brunch.

The program will be held at the JCC, 57 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 25.

Among Camp Horef highlights will be a couple of trips to the Bronte Creek Conservation area for tobagganing and other outdoor activities and a "computer day" on Jan. 2, "when the kids will be allowed to play around with some borrowed computers all day," says Brown.

Other activities include bowling, roller skating, swimming, a couple of days of "in-building" programs and a sports and games Maccabiah on Jan. 3, 1986.

Camp will be held at the JCC, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is for children aged 3½ to 11 years. Fees for members are $40 for one week, $70 for two; $55 for one week and $90.00 for two for non-members. Children are to bring their own dairy lunches but drinks and snacks will be provided.

For information call Ruth Brown, 528-8577.

London JNF elects Leff as president

LONDON, Ont. —
Stella Leff has recently been elected president of the Jewish National Fund's London council.

Rabbi Howard Hoffman congratulated immediate past president and chairman of the board, Ralph Waldman for his many years of work.

Stella Leff

The officers and board of directors elected for 1985-86 are: vice-presidents: Rose Fox, Rabbi Howard Hoffman, Isaac Moscovitz, Rabbi Yechezkel Zweig; treasurer, Letty Stork; secretary, Fannie Goose; board of directors, Ellen Behar, Yetta Berg, Dr. Emanuel Faust, Cantor Joseph Freiman, Elaine Hoffman, Gerald Kleiman, Bernard Leitner, Emanuel Leitner, Bob Magill, David Rottman, William Schweitzer, Dr. Leonard Shankman, Naomi Sheinbaum, Hannah Sherebrin, Dr. Stanley Sober and Philip Weinstein.

Blue Box chairman is John Weintraub; foundations chairmen, Ralph Waldman, Isaac Moscovitz; Tu B'shvat chairman, Stella Leff; Yiskor appeal chairmen, Nathan Beim, David Beallor, Sam Siegel; and Jewish Community Council executive director, Howard Borer.

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Oretzki's store in Winnipeg will be closed

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

On Dec. 25, Oretzki's Department Store will be closing its doors for the last time. "Business has not been very profitable the past few years and, with deep discount chains coming into the city from Eastern Ontario, we thought it best to get out of business while we still had a choice," said Peter Mendelson, manager of the Selkirk Ave. institution.

Oretzki's was started as a shoe store 75 years ago by brothers Israel, Harry and Louis Oretzki. Drygoods, hardware and housewares were added later.

During the 1930s and 40s, Selkirk Ave. was the Jewish Main Street and Oretzki's, with its narrow aisles and goods crammed to the ceiling, was its focal point. It used to bill itself as Winnipeg's third department store after The Bay and Eaton's. It even marketed its own brand-name shoes.

In the early 50s, Louis Oretzki, the youngest brother, became the store's sole owner. On his passing in 1972, his son-in-law, Bernard Springman and drygoods manager, Norman Donen, took over the operation of the store. In 1977, Oretzki's grandson Peter Mendelson became overall manager.

Under Mendelson's guidance, Oretzki's opened a second, discount store on Main St. and inaugurated a nursing home service wherein Oretzki's brings its line of hard-to-find items such as combination underwear for men and cotton elastic leg bloomers for women to nursing home residents. These operations will continue to function in spite of the Selkirk Ave. closing.

The name will remain on Selkirk Ave. as well as over a small shoe store — Oretzki's Family Shoes Ltd. — which Oretzki son-in-law Springman will run in a portion of the building.

"Since we began advertising our closing out sale, business has been fabulous," said Mendelson. "That first Saturday three weeks ago was the biggest day in the store's history. We were swamped. If business were always this good, we would be staying in business."

Mendelson admits to a twinge of nostalgia when his little girl points to her "daddy's store" as they drive by. "The nicest thing was seeing the number of people who got their start working here in the summers," he said.

Judaica firm in 2nd store

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

After over three years in business, Israel's The Judaica Centre has expanded northward to open a second store at 243 Wilmington Ave. in Bathurst Manor Plaza.

Israel Kaplan, owner of The Judaica Centre, said he wanted to get a "foothold" in the northern part of the city since he opened in 1982 at 973 Eglinton Ave. W.

"I've received a lot of requests for a northern store," said Kaplan who has almost 20 years experience in dealing with Judaica.

He said he decided to open a second store in Bathurst Manor Plaza for both economic and demographic reasons. As well as being able to obtain a reasonable rent, he said there is a good cross-section of retailers in the plaza which has recently expanded.

Kaplan said his business caters to both the retail and wholesale markets, including gift shops, synagogues and mail orders. The two stores include a wide selection of books, gifts, records and artwork.

Kaplan said an important part of the business is his staff which provides "personal service and caters to individual needs.

"We're able to stop what we're doing to give more than a sales pitch," he said. "We're sensitive to customers' needs."

To retain a continuity of service, Kaplan said some staff was transferred to the new store on Wilmington.

As owner of The Judaica Centre, Kaplan said, he will be active and visible at both locations, but will probably work out of the new wholesale office at Steeprock and Allen Rd, which is slated to open next month.

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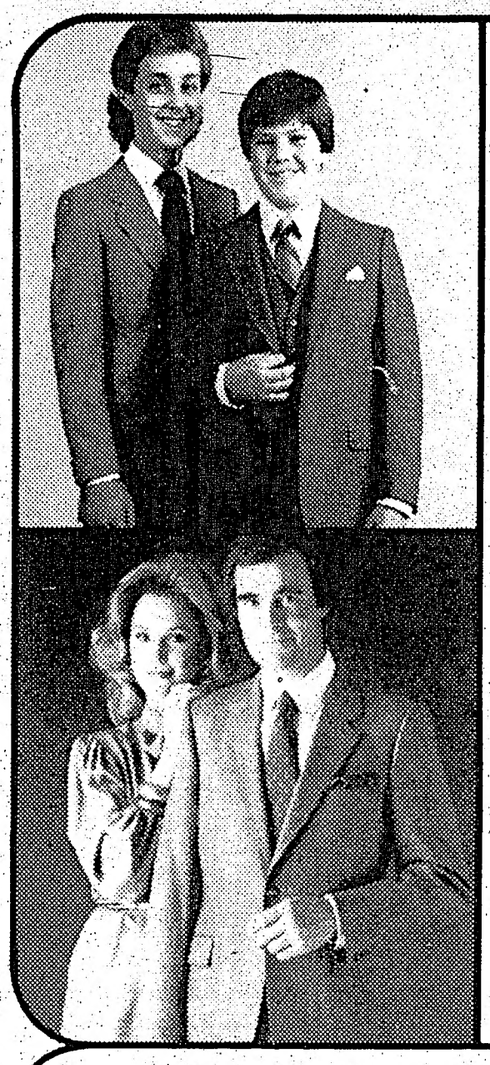

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Sizzling styles from Swatch set the fashion world ablaze

By LEN BUTCHER

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For the holiday season Swatch has introduced its Limelight, a diamond-studded limited edition of 2,000 that sells for $170.

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Menceles says that Swatch is going into a much more diversified product range as far as fashion goes.

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Fashion

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Judhpur pants, oversized shirts and knit skirts and tops are all fashion items larger women can and want to wear.

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According to Stan Shankman, who represents the Montreal-based Renee Christine Ltd. line of custom dresses, the only fashion points that the line offers that were not popular with larger women this fall and winter were dropped waists and big, bold plaids. Everything else is "in."

Shankman explains that the Renee Christine line is offered in sizes 12½ to 24½ and a small selection is offered in sizes 14 to 24. And he says it is a line that is not adverse to fashion. In fact the opposite is true.

This fall and winter the line gave women a number of fashion options.

"We had a great reception to our knit collection. The outfit came in French blue, toast and navy and featured a ribbed skirt that fell three to four inches below the knee, and a long top with ribbing at the bottom of the body and the cuffs.

"And we have separates that are very fashion oriented. Big shirts, jodhpur pants, pantaloons and a variety of styles of skirts and tops."

In addition, he says that a small grouping of shirtdresses in fuchsia, turquoise royal blue were offered for the fall.

"They had long sleeves and a no-cut waist which is what the larger woman wants."

He adds that they also did a number of dresses for after-5 and restaurant wear in satin stripes and jacquards.

The Renee Christine line is available at Eaton's, Simpson's, The Bay, Nan C in Bayview Village, Don Valley Fashions, Eliz of Europe, Madeline Fashion, Victoria Fashions, Madam de Paris and other specialty stores in Toronto.

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Exclusive gift store offers finest in European fashions

By SHARI SCHWARTZ

When John Turner, Art Eggleton and Mel Lastman wanted to pamper themselves with some of the finest ties available in Canada they went to see Marek Sutkiewicz at Marek: The Best of Europe, at 100 Bloor Street W.

Marek is an exclusive gift store carrying a wide variety of men and women's clothing and shoes, purses and luggage, from $45 to $5,000. Although it is only three weeks old, Marek already has a solid reputation for having some of Europe's most creative and unique gift ideas.

Sutkiewicz spent one year traveling to Europe collecting what he calls the most memorable gifts you can give. "The gifts you give are a reflection of your personality," says Sutkiewicz, "and there just weren't enough elegant European gift stores in Toronto where you could buy someone something exceptional."

A self-confessed "tie nut," Sutkiewicz says it was natural that he would turn his passion for beautiful ties into a business and consequently Marek carries 6,000 silk ties in fashionable colors. For the ultimate gift, one might even consider Marek's $5,000 silk ties from Milan with diamond studs.

Sutkiewicz has the exclusive rights in Canada to the famous Italian Pancaldi line of clothing. Pancaldi's silk ties in particular are unique in that they have a "pop modern" look, that is, they are based on color — ruby, emerald, gold and blue which are used either together or on a dark background to create graphic composition (colored paint brushings, stripes).

In Marek's 6,000 tie collection there are 800 different designs.

This tie plays on the military stripes theme and turns them into a pattern. Breast pocket handkerchief coordinate, from Vitaliano Pancaldi. Available at Marek.

"I find men are reluctant to leave the basic stripes and dots in ties," says Sutkiewicz. "It is usually the women who force them to buy my ties and because they are vain, they listen. They wear the ties to the office, get compliments, and come back to the store themselves. After all, a nice tie makes the suit."

High fashion apparel

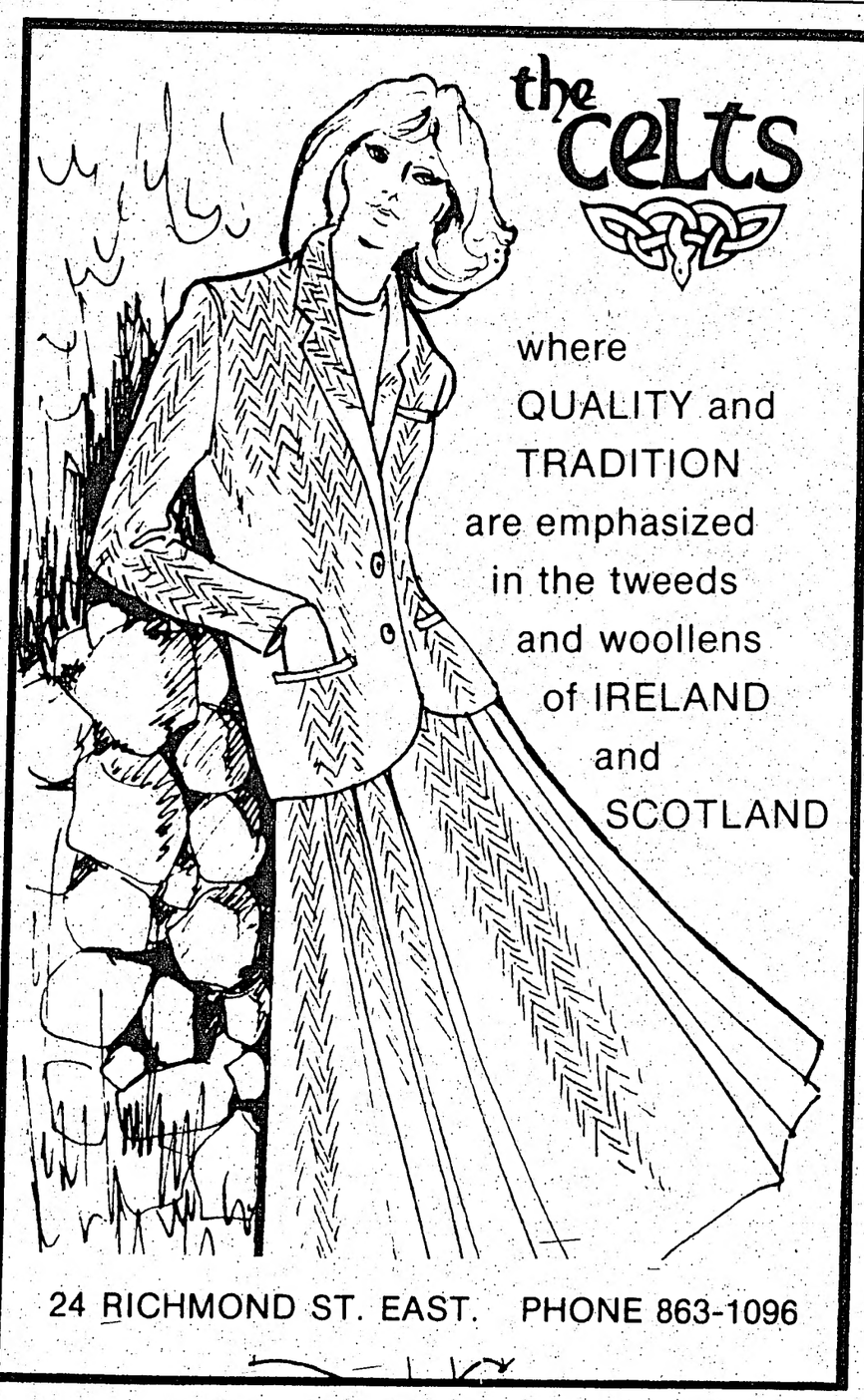
For men, Marek also has silk shirts and patterned cardigans, leather shoes and slippers with matching bags, elephant and ostrich skin attache cases, and crocodile belts.

For women, there are multi-colored silk scarves which are also displayed as framed pictures, crocodile briefcases and purses and silk and leather high fashion apparel.

Most noticeable are the angora and wool sweaters which are embroidered with sequins, pearls, beads and in some, fringes in the same tone as the sweater.

Sutkiewicz says Marek is popular because people like the idea of buying elegant European gifts.

"When you walk into my store it's like strolling down one of the main shopping streets in Europe."



Fashion

Hip pads are the latest word from world of fashion

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON —

I have always marveled at the boldness of fashion designers. They have come so far from their once humble, even servile, task of fitting clothes to the female form. For most of modern history they have managed to convince customers to redesign their bodies to fit the clothing.

Let us imagine just one woman trying to keep her shape in style from the beginning of the century to the current day.

In 1900, she would have retrofitted her kidneys up around her lungs so she could have the 19-inch waist of a Gibson girl.

In 1925, she would have bound her bosom to get the flatness of the Flapper.

In 1955, she would have the bosom again until it pointed at Doris Day.

The genius of the designer movement may have peaked in the 1970s when they created the unisex out of whole cloth. Unisex was the unicorn of the fashion world: an entirely mythical creature.

The unisex was sighted most often during the early 70s at the height of arguments about gender. Were the differences between males and females biological or cultural?

The designers took the political position that thighs were a product of cultural conditioning which women should overcome. They simply drew them out of the fashion picture.

By 1980, unisex was replaced by dress-for-success, which was a euphemism for hide-the-sex. Finally, along came the anatomical wonder of the present day: shoulders.

Women who were carrying more weight in the world were given the shoulders to match. Those of us who could not acquire the padded football look by Nautilus or steroids added it by needle or Velcro. The magazines call these falsies on the shoulder, power pads.

But now — are you ready? — Karl Lagerfeld has come up with the latest, the last word in redesigner breakthroughs. From Paris, ladies and gentlemen, fashion slaves everywhere, I give you Hip Pads.

Yes, you read it here first or at least second. The spring line of Coco Chanel's successor will carry Styrofoam hip pads sewn into the skirts.

"When everybody starts wearing shoulder pads, it is time to do something else," said his associate, Claude Montana. In Paris they have lowered their sights and broadened their ideals.

I know what you are thinking. You already have a pair of your own, right? Anyone who can sell hip pads to American women can make a bundle bringing coals to Newcastle.

You're right. Only a man who spent his whole life working with fashion models could come up with such a redundant phrase as "hip pad."

The fashion model is a subspecies bred exclusively for the use of photographers and runways. The very last curve was eliminated by genetic engineering in 1972 during the unisex craze.

The rest of us are to models as the stepsisters are to Cinderella's slipper size. We spend more time fantasizing about subtracting than adding padding to our own abundant supply. Surgery perhaps? Suctioning? Biting?

By my own medical observation, the average female hip is a magnet for calories. Most of us who get hip pads from Paris do it the traditional way: by eating.

The hip is the final resting place of an estimated 60% of the very best Camembert, and 53% of the finest chocolate that has ever passed through the great American alimentary canal.

I personally know only 39 females who would immediately benefit from hip pads. A full 38 of them are in the seventh grade.

Nevertheless, I've got to take my power pad off to the man who took such a fashion risk. I think he's got a hit on his hands.

After all, a skirt that has room for artificial pads may even have room for natural ones. As the designer said coyly, "With the padding at the hips, there is no difficulty telling the girls from the boys."

We may be taking a remote course back to the real world of female anatomy. If hips are in, can stomachs be far behind?

So, the next time someone glances in the vague direction of your widest expanse, just look him or her in the eye and say "Styrofoam." Then offer a small cheer for Laperfeld: Hip, hip, hooray.

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Shown at the recent Simpson's/United Way Fashion Show were (from left) a double-breasted 6-button wool worsted suit by Emanuel Ungaro; a double-breasted all wool suit by Louis Feraud; all wool tweed blouson jacket with shaker knit sweater by Louis Feraud. (Ronny Shinder photo)

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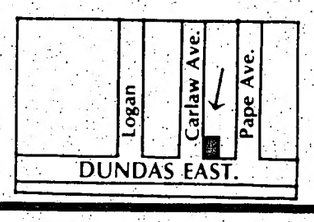

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Fashion

Women adding wigs to their fashion wardrobes

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Wigs are expected to be a strong fashion trend in 1986 for the style conscious woman who has little time to style her own hair.

"Woman are adding wigs to their wardrobe just as they would a blouse or a skirt," says Georgina Grunberger, owner of Fashion Wigs.

She adds that women who work all day "often do not have time to style their hair for that evening party. A wig is the perfect answer. They are also great for vacations," she says.

Grunberger, the exclusive distributor of wigs by Jacquelyn International, sells wigs both wholesale and retail by appointment.

She says that often, women buy wigs because they want to change their hair, but are reluctant to cut or dye it. "They want a change but not a permanent change."

She points out that the wig's rise in popularity is coming about largely because women are becoming more self-confident. "Women are starting to express themselves any way they want and with a wig there are infinite possibilities."

Grunberger notes that Jacquelyn International wigs come in about 60 different styles and 50 different colors.

"The newest thing from Jacquelyn are colored hair pieces that are made not to look natural. Women add colors such as blue or green to their own hair."

She adds that these pieces are "really making a big splash. It is a great change for a woman who just needs a perk."

She notes, however, that many women buy wigs identical to their own hair.

For further information, Grunberger can be reached at 630-7864.

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For fall and winter, the accent is on suits and walking jackets in combinations of fur, leather and suedes. He has incorporated the new trend of wide sleeves in many of his outfits.

In men's wear, the classic line is for the "Gentleman," featuring fur-lined jackets and coats which give elegance and warmth.

Lony has also accented every outfit with hats, purses and boots, made of fur, suede and leather.

Functional, fashionable are the keys to skiwear

By
LORI SMITH

White Stag offers array of styles for men, women

Today skiwear must be two things: functional and fashionable.

According to Kathy Peck, national accounts representative for the Botnick Division of Warnaco of Canada Ltd., the firm that makes White Stag Skiwear, there have been a number of changes in the general appearance of skiwear in the last few years, but traditional, functional features such as action shoulders, goggle pockets, wind flaps and tow tag holders remain.

"There is a lot of attention to detail — sleeve treatments, color treatments, different styles of collars.

"Bomber style jackets that used to sit right on the waist are longer now. And we are seeing a much longer fit than we have in the past."

She adds that we will also be seeing a longer length jacket this winter; one that ends just below the hip.

Peck explains that White Stag makes skiwear for men and women in a number of different fills.

"The White Stag line has traditional skiwear made with polyfill, down-filled garments called Mountain Goat, outfits made of Thinsulate, a thin fabrication that is as warm as any other fill but not as bulky and some things in Gortex that have completely waterproof outer shells."

In terms of colors for skiwear this season, she says that for men they are showing navy, black, blues and charcoal gray with brighter trim. Red is a big contrast color this year.

"It's harder to do men's garments in new innovative colors, but in ladies skiwear the color stories include pastels, bright colors and traditional shades."

She also says that white has become very popular.

"Traditionally, it was used for window dressing because it was not very practical for the ski slopes. But now there's a lot more white because it's very fashionable."

She showed a white jacket with pink, turquoise and purple squares to illustrate. It was completely reversible to solid white, and featured a pocket which folded over the front zipper and navy toggle closings at the neck and waist. In addition the arms zipped off to form a vest.

She explains that while that jacket was the only one with the zipped off arms, vests seemed to be becoming a bit more "in."

Peck says that while a lot of their sales are in jackets, 1- and 2-piece suits are becoming more popular.

"In Quebec, sales have always been almost 100% in suits, but now they are selling in the rest of the country as well."

White Stag Skiwear is available at Eaton's, Simpsons, The Bay, Collegiate Sports and many independent retailers.

Prism jacket — Triblend outer shell is down filled, reversible with zip-off from White Stag ($190). (Barry Shainbaum photo)

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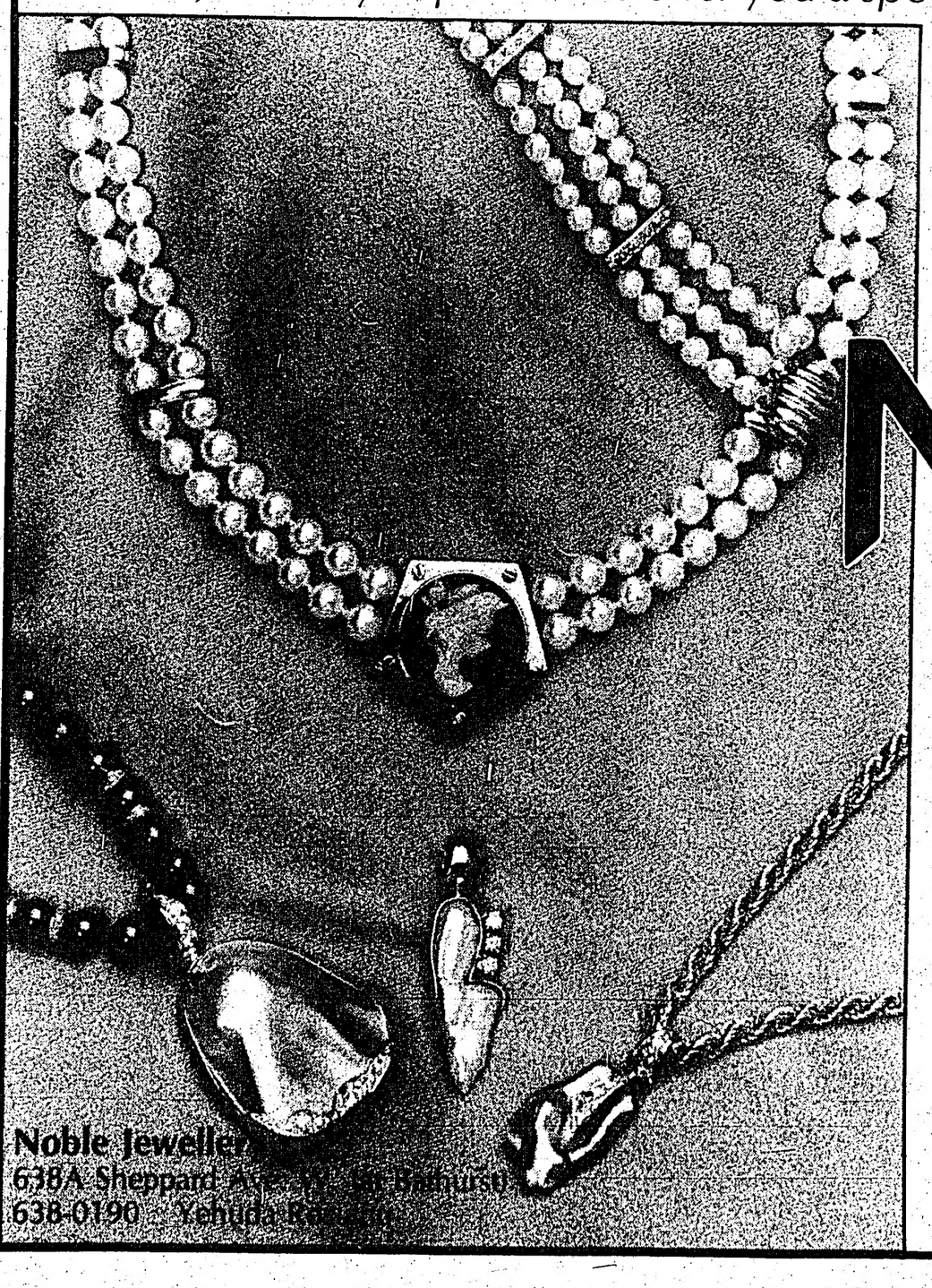

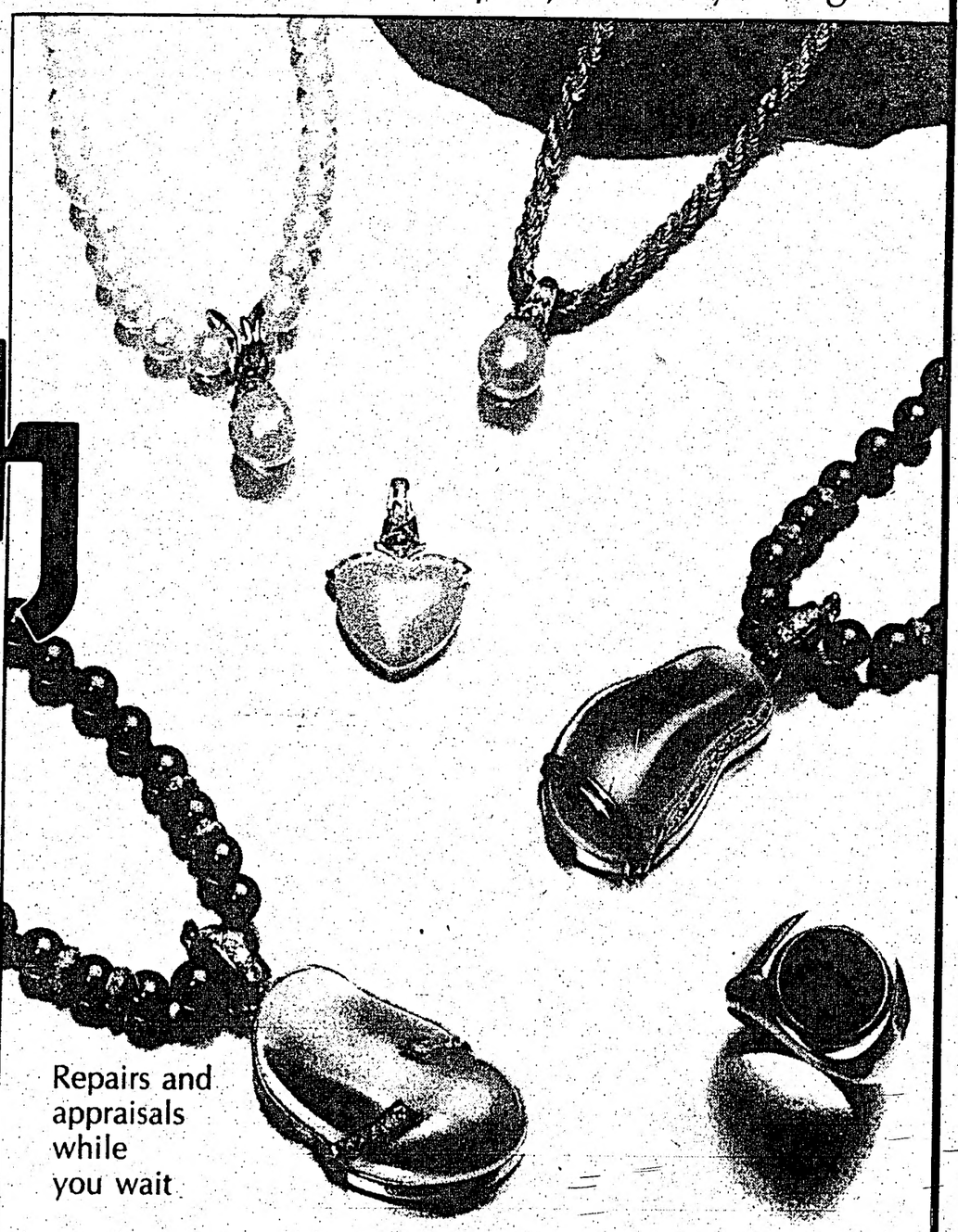

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Fashion

Jeanne Beker hosts Fashion Television.

Fashion explosion makes a bang on TV

By
DAVID PIERSON

Unless you've been living in a cocoon you would have noticed there has been somewhat of a fashion explosion over the last few years.

Suddenly everybody seems concerned with what they're wearing and how they look. Chic boutiques have opened in abundance, fashion sections in newspapers have tripled and now there's even fashion television!

Yes, right here in Toronto you can catch Fashion Television on CityTV. Hosted by Jeanne Beker and produced by Jay Levine, Fashion Television is a bi-monthly, hour-long show solely dedicated to fashion.

Everything from the chic to the trendy to the absurd can be caught on Fashion Television. From Joan Collin's outfits on Dynasty to what's up Calvin Klein's sleeve to the men behind Roots and their merchandizing story have been on Fashion Television and there's more to come.

The CJN caught up to Beker and Levine who were full of excitement preparing for their Dec. 17 show and asked them just why there had been such a fashion explosion the last few years.

"I think the fashion explosion has mostly to do with peoples attitude's changing," Beker said.

"There's a lot more freedom in the choice of clothes and a lot less rules when it comes to styles. Skirts can be down to the ankle to the ultra short without being out of style."

Levine sees fashion as entertainment. And as entertainment people aren't taking styles and trends so seriously anymore.

Since Beker is also one of CityTV's entertainment reporters she can easily identify with Levine's philosophy as fashion as entertainment.

"One of the reasons men have become interested so much in fashion is rock videos. They see the bands, they like looking stylish and plug into it."

Beker has also found today's eclectic styles handy when covering her entertainment beat.

"I have to be very chameleon like. One moment I can be interviewing someone like Veronica Tennant in an evening gown and the next day interview a rock group in leather pants which is what's fun about today's fashion. You can change styles everyday."

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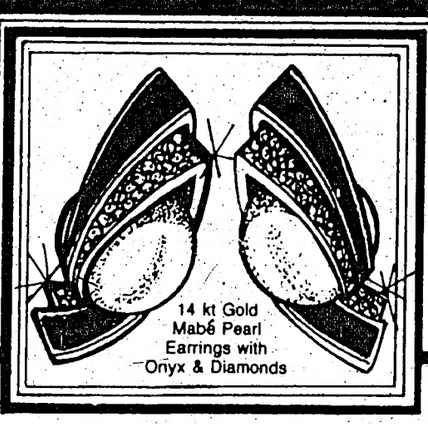

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Arts

Winnipeg Symphony performs Memorial Candles

WINNIPEG —

The Canadian premiere performance of American composer Benjamin Lees' Fourth Symphony, Memorial Candles — A Remembrance of the Holocaust and a Celebration of Survival was staged recently by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Kazuhiro Keizumi with solo violinist Arthur Polson and mezzo soprano Geraldine Patterson.

Memorial Candles is a work for orchestra, solo violin and mezzo-soprano inspired by the writings of the late German-born poet, Nelly Sachs (1891-1970). A significant part of her writing dealt with the years of the Holocaust. She was a victim of incarceration but survived and ultimately moved to Sweden.

In the last years of her life, she was honored with the Nobel Prize for Literature for her "works of forgiveness, deliverance and peace."

The symphony was especially commissioned by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra which performed its world premiere in October in Dallas and also performed it at the Kennedy Centre in Washington later this month.

Performances will be given next year by the Houston and Atlanta symphonies and the Philharmonic Orchestra of London, as well as the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. The Winnipeg Symphony was the only Canadian orchestra to perform this original work during the first year following its world premiere.

The special benefit concert was presented under the joint sponsorship of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, the Holocaust Memorial Committee of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.

Arensky music played by the Canadian Piano Trio

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

A passionately expressive Trio in D minor by Anton Arensky, one of the two major pre-revolutionary Russian-Jewish composers (the other being Anton Rubinstein) was the highlight of a recent CentreStage Jane Mallet Theatre by what has become one of North America's foremost chamber-music ensembles, the Canadian Piano Trio.

Brazil-born violinist Jaime Weisenblum first heard about this Arensky trio at his studies at Juilliard. Cellist Nina Tobias had had an early-50s recording of this piece for years, by Heifetz-Piatogorsky-Pinario. "I loved this work," says the naturally ebullient Tobias.

Thanks to the Canadian Piano Trio, this Arensky masterpiece will be performed more frequently. And it couldn't be exposed by better hands. The Canadian Piano Trio deserves superlative ratings because it naturally blends emotional fire and spontaneity with textbook-perfect attention to the phrasings and nuances of the different stylistic periods.

Thus, their performance of Haydn's most famous trio, his Gypsy Rondo, was graceful yet exuberant in the final familiar gypsy movement. Beethoven's Ghost Trio, written in his early romantic period, was suitably panoramic, while the Arensky opus properly utilized all possible textures of pre-impressionistic spirits from the tempestuous to the nocturnally sweet.

All three Canadian Piano Trio members are Jewish. Weisenblum is from Porto Alegre in southern Brazil. Stephanie Sebastian on piano is from California and Nina Tobias is from Chicago. How did they all meet up here in Toronto?

Sebastian married a Canadian, and played in the National Arts Centre Orchestra in Ottawa. At the NAC orchestra, she met Tobias. Weisenblum was invited by the Canadian Opera Company Orchestra in 1974. "I fell in love with Toronto," he says, "and within two hours decided to live here." All three met here in 1983, and formed the trio.

They've performed at Carnegie Hall and will tour Europe this spring with a stop at the Vienna Festival in May. However, Toronto will remain their home, and the city's music scene will greatly benefit from their presence.

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Both classical and jazz influences were strong in a recent concert of Milton Barnes compositions which was recently presented at Toronto's Music Gallery. Variations on a Theme by Haydn (with the theme his familiar St. Anthony Chorale), drew from swing, ragtime and modern-jazz influences.

Octet and Back Up Bach were more classical rooted while Reveries (dedicated to the late great local musicians Brian Barley and Bernie Piltch) and Idyll, recently performed by the above-mentioned Canadian Piano Trio, are more jazz-based. However, all the Barnes compositions demonstrated a creative mixture of both, resulting in a lively and constantly stimulating program.

It's the kind of material that should be performed over CBC-AM's prime time evening program Variety Tonight. This is variety in its best sense.

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So far this season, there has not been a major cantorial concert in Toronto. But when there is, let's have a bona fide Sephardi presence.

The Canadian Piano Trio: (from left) Stephanie Sebastion, Jaime Weisenblum and Nina Tobias.

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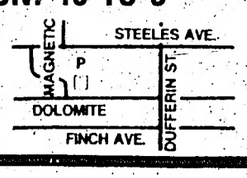

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Arts

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Groucho provides a feast for fans of the one-liner

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

"What caused your three divorces?" a reporter asks. "I think it was my three marriages," replies the star of Groucho, the musical comedy biography of Groucho Marx, at the Leah Posluns Theatre until Dec. 21.

Anyone who likes his 1-liner retorts will not be disappointed in the production which features the multi-talented Eddie Mekka as the loping, cigar-smoking comedian, Bryan J. Finkelstein as Chico and Harpo Marx, and DeLyse Lively as all the female characters.

Written and directed by Groucho's son, Arthur, and Robert Fisher, it takes some quick peeks at the comedian's underside, but on the whole it is an affectionate portrait of the man who died at age 87 and over whose will court battles lasted for years.

What may surprise some is the close relationship there was between Groucho and Chico, who died in 1961, each providing the other with economic salvation at crucial times.

Of his first marriage, Groucho says: "My parents were Orthodox Jews, her mother was an Orthodox anti-semite." The subject of his marriages comes up again and again as he is interviewed by magazine and newspaper writers. "After 22 years even the things you don't like about your wife begin to grow on you."

There is a slightly risque note to some of the material which would not have been acceptable in the famous Marx Brothers movies. For example, in the opening scene, when Groucho is talking about their crowded living quarters: "Five brothers all slept in one bed, all dreaming about their girl friends. You needed a raincoat."

But quite a few of the famous shtiks from Animal Crackers, Coconuts, A Day at the Races and Horsefeathers are there. Remember Harpo with an oversized raincoat leaving the dining room of a luxury hotel? As he talks, a sterling silver knife and spoon fall out of a sleeve, then three or four more, then a veritable cascade rains down on the stage from the same sleeve, and finally the coffee pot itself.

As Eddie Mekka lopes around singing Lydia, Lydia, the Tattooed Lady, leering and smirking, jumping nimbly onto a sofa, and then into the arms of a femme fatale, you couldn't expect even Groucho himself to do it any better. How Mekka manages to get just the right nuance and slightly nasal delivery into Groucho's speech must remain his secret. Those quicksilver jumps onto a sofa, where he ends up resting his head on his shoulder, flicking his cigar ash, and grinning like a Cheshire cat, are classic.

Of the early days of the Marx family, Groucho says: "It always disappointed Pop that we couldn't afford to be Jewish." And then he adds, with that wicked smile: "They didn't get that joke in Edmonton." To a helpful waitress, he says: "You deserve a tip, get out of Canada before the dollar goes down again." In a famous scene from Room Service, he picks up the phone at the desk: "Ice water in 314? Where did you get it?"

He defines middle age as the time of life when you go to bed, hoping you'll feel better in the morning.

One of his final messages is to women: "You better not become equal if you want to stay superior."

Mekka proves he is a capable actor, too, in the third act when makeup, a painfully slow physical gait and a third querulous voice, transform him into the Groucho of later years.

"Who first called you a living legend?" a reporter asks. "I think I did," says Groucho, modestly.

DeLyse Lively and Eddie Mekka star in Groucho.

Actors can't save this stale plot

TORONTO —

Papers at the Tarragon Theatre until Dec. 22 is a piece of fluff, lighter than air, taking place at the mythical Lakeview University "which is not the end of the world, but you can see it from here."

Allan Stratton's play, directed by Stephen Katz, has a stale plot about a novelist, the writer-in-residence at Lakeview, a woman who teaches his work in her classes, and a precocious co-ed ("Margaret Atwood disguised as twinkie") who completes the triangle. Compared to one of Stratton's previous plays, Rexy! Papers is a big disappointment, and compared to another, Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii, it proves that lightning strikes twice.

It plays very much like a piece that was written to order (a grant perhaps?) and designed for people who think life begins and ends on a university campus.

As the professor, Patricia Hamilton tells the novelist (Les Carlson): "You store up the people you meet like nuts." One of Carlson's retorts is, "I get on well with people, it's individuals I have trouble with."

The actors do as well with poorly-developed characters as you can expect, but the overall impression of Papers is that it's embarrassing to think that one of Canada's best alternate theatres has put its name to it. **B.R.**

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Lucid, objective

Author analyzes Knesset's function

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Parliamentary System of Israel, by Samuel Sager. Syracuse University Press.

How does the Knesset work and function?

Born at a time of strife and upheaval, how has Israel's parliament fared during the past four decades? Brought into existence by a community of only 600,000, is it serving the needs and popular will of almost 4½ million Israelis? To what extent does the Knesset follow the British parliamentary system? What has been the impact and influence of the half-century of legal procedures and traditions that preceded the creation of the state? Are coalition governments inevitable under Israel's present electoral system? What are the Knesset weaknesses and how can they be overcome?

These and similar questions are dealt with in this lucid, objective and knowledgeable analysis of all aspects of the Israeli parliamentary system.

The author believes that the authority of the Knesset has been reinforced in recent years at the expense of the executive branch of government and that the "tilt of power" has been in favor of the legislative arm.

Features of this valuable work include an appendix which details all 10 Knesset election results, by party, as well as a helpful glossary.

The author is a former Canadian who served for six years on the staff of the House of Commons. His quarter of a century of service at the Knesset has provided him with the necessary background and feeling for this analysis of how the only democracy in the Middle East carries on and sustains its Parliamentary institutions.

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Trust Betrayed: The Keegstra Affair, by D. Bercusson & D. Wertheimer. Doubleday of Canada, $19.95.

This is a necessary book. An added bonus for readers is that it is absorbing throughout — an admirable piece of investigative reporting. Hooked after several pages, I devoured the volume in one sitting.

On July 20, 1985, Jim Keegstra, one-time mayor of Eckville, Alberta, was found guilty of wilfully promoting hatred against Jews and fined $5,000. This decision is now under appeal.

Most of us have had enough of Keegstra; but insistent questions remain and must be faced. Why was a teacher allowed to impart his fantastic theories and doctrines of hate for 10 years? Was this seemingly religious man merely an eccentric or was he typical of many others in the community? Where did his ideas come from and how could he, a university graduate, believe and teach them? To what extent were his students, most of whom had never met a Jew, influenced by his warping of history and gross calumnies?

Why did the Alberta Teachers' Association take so long to dismiss him, after first offering help in fighting the charges levelled against him. Why were Christian church groups so loath to denounce Keegstra publicly? Why did Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed temporize and hesitate before finally speaking out against evil?

Was the protracted trial, with the often lurid press reports of the proceedings, desirable for the Jewish community?

The authors are convinced that the Eckville drama could happen anywhere in North America if there are poorly trained and supervised teachers and parents who are uncaring or apathetic.

Considerable research went into the making of this comprehensive study. David Bercusson teaches history at the University of Calgary and Douglas Wertheimer is editor of The Jewish Star, a bi-weekly newspaper published in Alberta. They followed the Keegstra case closely and know all of its ramifications.

The reader can only shake his head and wonder. Did this happen in Canada?

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Arts

Charmer, dazzler and clinker

Three recycled musical shows offered as holiday fare

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Three musical shows popped up last week in an attempt to capitalize on the euphoria of the holiday season.

All three are recycled versions of past productions.

One is a charmer. One is a dazzler. And one is a clinker.

Let's begin with the inferior specimen first.

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Gotta Sing! Gotta Dance! Part II (at the Royal York Hotel's Imperial Room until Dec. 21) claims to be a fresh, updated edition of the tribute to Broadway song hits that New York director Larry Alford staged at the Imperial Room last year.

Alas, to the jaded eyes of this reviewer, it seemed like the same old hackneyed revue as yesteryear . . . a cookie-cutter mechanically reworking the same old nostalgia dough.

Once again, Alford has assembled six energetic young performers, as devoid of individuality as marionettes. He has outfitted them with top hats and canes and the other customary accoutrements of glitz. And he has paced them in their hoofing and singing routines at a breathcatching, dizzying speed.

It's certainly a slick, flashy show. But though it has lots of glitz, it has absolutely no charm.

Under Alford's machine-precisioned direction, glorious tunes the likes of Irving Berlin's *I Love A Piano* and Cole Porter's *Putting On The Ritz* are reduced to cliche travesties.

Probably their best number, embellished with a "doo wah, doo wah, doo wah," is *It Don't Mean A Thing If You Ain't Got Swing*. It made this reviewer hum to himself dolefully, "It don't mean a thing, if you ain't got that heart, doo wah, doo wah, doo wah."

Sumup: A thin, charmless echo of Broadway, which your Aunt Beckie from Barrie may consider the epitome of glamor.

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My Three Angels (at the St. Lawrence Centre's Bluma Appel Theatre until Dec. 28) is loaded with charm.

Toronto songwriter David Warrack has come up with the novel idea of converting a 1953 Broadway play by Sam and Bella Spewack (in turn based on an ancient French farce by Albert Husson) into a musical comedy.

Surprisingly, the transformation works — even though it's structured around the most unlikely of plots.

Briefly stated, it's the story of three lovable convicts from Devil's Island who set right the romantic and monetary problems of a shopkeeper's family in the penal colony of French Guiana at the turn of the century.

Though they can't sing for beans, the show is stolen by the trio of larcenous murderers as portrayed by three veteran Toronto farceurs, Eric House, Tony Van Bridge and Gerry Salsberg. They are particularly insouciant when singing several sly and very funny tributes to crime, *We Got Caught* and *The Old Book Cooker*.

Heinar Piller's directing is constantly inventive. The singing by Sharry Flett, Sharon Dyer and Cynthia Dale is pleasantly beguiling. And Larry Solway turns in a wonderful performance as a bullying, thieving, lecherous villain . . . the sort of scoundrel dastardly enough to make you want to kill him, a fate which he deservedly earns in the show.

Warrack, who apparently hopes to bring the musical to Broadway, hasn't composed any show-stopping tunes. But most of them are delightful, especially *Be Young, Young Man* and the love song, *If Only Someone Like You*. And the show's curtain goes down on an uproarious stage gimmick which it would be unfair to reveal here.

Sumup: A heavenly, feathery piece of fluff, ideal holiday entertainment for escapists.

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Camelot (at the O'Keefe Centre until Dec. 15) is the biggest surprise of all — a hoary old chestnut that Richard Harris has exhumed and made enchanting by virtue of his directing and star performance.

It is, of course, a revival of the Lerner and Loewe musical spectacular, dealing with King Arthur and his Roundtable legend, that first lumbered onstage at the O'Keefe 25 years ago.

This reviewer recalls attending that world premiere and being bored silly by the ponderous performance of the three costars — Richard Burton as a stuffy King Arthur, Julie Andrews as a cloyingly sweet Queen Guenevere, and Robert Goulet as a stiffly dummy-like Sir Lancelot.

When the curtain finally came down on the chaos well after midnight, I still remember how director Moss Hart walked onstage and pleaded with the critics to excuse its drawn-out lengthiness. Citing a line from Tennessee Williams, he begged them, "We depend on the kindness of strangers."

The critics didn't bite, and unanimously panned it as an elephantine flop.

I haven't seen the musical in its various incarnations since then. And since Richard Harris has always struck me as a second-rate ham actor, I simply couldn't sit through the 1967 film version in which he starred in the lead Arthurian role.

But age — and a good dollop of humor — seem to have matured Harris wonderfully well. Now in his late 50s and concluding a 4-year road tour of Camelot, he has slashed its draggy rhetoric, staged it with wit and stylish pageantry, and portrays the king as an appealing and vulnerable character, made endearing because of his human frailties.

He plays up the droll lines which poke good-humored fun at the knights who go "riding and whacking away" in the name of chivalry. When Lancelot (played nicely and sung beautifully by Patrick Godfrey) rants on about his knightly virtues, Harris interjects a neat bit of comedy by rolling his eyes heavenward with scepticism. And Martha Traverse has taken the saccharinity out of Guenevere, making of her an engaging, believable person, especially when singing that lovely ballad, *The Simple Joys Of Maidenhood*.

Sumup: A glittering, regal romance that makes for royal entertainment.

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gallery gatherings

Art Gallery of Ontario: Photographs by William Notman, entitled William Notman: The Stamp of a Studio, comprising about 200 pictures by the renowned Montreal photographer, to Dec 15; a rare showing of 16th to 18th century Italian old master drawings, to Jan. 5; major exhibits include sculptures, paintings, drawings and prints by Russian constructivist Naum Gabo, Dec. 13-Feb. 9; an exhibit of toys, drawings and paintings by humorist Walter Trier, Dec. 13-Jan. 25; contemporary Canadian sculpture to Feb. 2. 317 Dundas St. W., 977-0414.

Atelier Lukacs: Erotica on Plates: an exhibition of erotica on porcelain and stonewear by Lillian Broca, to Dec. 24. 186 Davenport Rd., 923-8908.

Bau-Xi Gallery: The annual holiday exhibit of works by gallery artists will run to Jan. 11. 340 Dundas St. W., 977-0600.

Bonnie Kagan Gallery: A group show highlighting nine gallery artists, to Dec. 21. 80 Spadina Ave., suite 304, 364-6181.

Carmen Lamanna Gallery: A group show featuring five artists, to Jan. 2. 840 Yonge St., 922-0410.

Circle Art Gallery: An exhibit and sale of contemporary Israeli art, with proceeds going to charity, to Dec. 15. 19 Hazelton Ave., 961-5806.

Columbus Centre Art Gallery: Watercolors by Augustino Corvino, to Dec. 20. 901 Lawrence Ave. W., 789-7011.

Craft Gallery: Eclectic Excellence, a group show by Ontario craftsmen, to Dec. 29. Ontario Crafts Council, 346 Dundas St. W., 977-3551.

Del Bello Gallery: An exhibition by the Ontario College of Art's printmaking department through December. 363 Queen St. W., 593-0884.

Evelyn Aimis Fine Art: Madagascar: recent works by Jiri Ladocha and Haiku; recent graphite drawings by Akira Yoshikawa, to Dec. 19. 14 Hazelton Ave., 961-0878.

First Impressions Gallery: The gallery's annual pre-Christmas show, entitled Artoronto, features original serigraphs and etchings by three local artists to Dec. 22. 334 Dundas St. W. 591-8461.

Gallery One: Art of Our Time, a group show to Dec. 18. 121 Scollard St., 929-3103.

Gallery 44: Demeanor: black and white photographs by Simon Glass, to Dec. 21. 109 Niagara St., 363-5187.

Gallery 940: Hide and Seek, a show of recent works by Mary Paisley, to Dec. 14. 940 Queen St. E., 466-2030.

Gallery Dresdnere: Gallery artists through December. 12 Hazelton Ave., 923-4662.

Gallery Moos: Works by Ken Danby to Jan. 15. 136 Yorkville Ave., 922-0627.

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George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art: Pre-Columbian pottery, English delftware, Continental and English porcelain, Italian majolica and rare French porcelain pieces from the court of Louis XV continues; a world premiere of works by Hans Coper, one of the 20th century's most prominent potters, continues to Jan. 16. 111 Queen's Park, 593-9300.

Glass Art Gallery: A group exhibit by gallery artists through December. 21 Hazelton Ave., 968-1823.

Harbourfront Art Gallery: Seduced and Abandoned, an exhibit of modern Canadian furniture design, to Jan. 5; sculpture by James Walton continues until March. 235 Queen's Quay W., 869-8410.

Hollander York Gallery: A group exhibit by gallery artists, to Jan. 7. 120 Scollard St., 923-9275.

Isaacs Gallery: New works by John MacGregor. 832 Yonge St., 923-7301.

Interference Hologram Gallery: Holographic art works by Michael Page, to Jan. 18. 1179A King St. W., 535-2323.

Jane Corkin Gallery: The Elves' Show: holiday gifts of ceramics, jewelry and photographs by gallery artists, to Dec. 21. 144 Front St. W., suite 620. 979-1980.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: Holography, painting and cast objects by Mary Harman; a retrospective of photographs by Walter Curtin, both to Dec. 14. Hart House, University of Toronto, 978-2453.

Klonaridis Inc.: Polychrome sculptures by Robert Cronin; works on paper by Paul Fournier, both to Dec. 21. 144 Front St. W., 979-1090.

Koffler Gallery: Works on paper by Jack Bush, to Jan. 30; the brown bag lunch film series continues with noon-time films on famous artists. 4588 Bathurst St., 636-2145.

Limited Editions Art Gallery: An exhibit of contemporary Japanese master printmakers through December. 136 Yorkville Ave., 961-2090.

Link Gallery: Oil paintings by Hosier, to Dec. 22. In the Civic Garden Centre, 777 Lawrence Ave. East. 445-1552.

Marianne Friedland Gallery: New works in various media by Erik Gamble, to Dec. 23. 122 Scollard St., 961-4900.

Market Gallery: Meeting Places: Toronto's City Halls, looks at the colorful and little-known histories of Toronto's four city halls through architectural drawings, photographs, rare artifacts and newspaper clippings. Through Feb. 2. 95 Front St. E., 947-7604.

McMichael Canadian Collection: Cartoons by Group of Seven painter Arthur Lismer to Jan. 26; 40 paintings by Indian artist Daphne Odjig to Jan. 2; Clarence Gagnon's 54 illustrations of Maria Chapdelaine to Jan. 12. In Kleinburg, 893-1121.

Mercer Union: Drawings, paintings and sculptures based on the human form by six artists. 333 Adelaide St. W., 977-1412.

Mira Godard Gallery: Recent paintings by David Thauberger, to Dec. 21. 22 Hazelton Ave., 964-8197.

Movenpick Restaurant: Sculptures and watercolors by Bernice Starkman, to mid-January. 165 York St., 366-5234.

Objets Arts: Sculptural wooden forms, wild animal skins and fur tapestries will be featured along Designers Walk, 168 Bedford Rd. to Dec. 13. 229-6793.

Odon Wagner Gallery: An exhibit by 17 contemporary European artists; recent paintings by the Dutch artist Adrianus Cornelis van Noort, both to Dec. 21. 194 Davenport Rd., 962-0438.

Olga Korper Gallery: Recent sculptures by Claude Mongrain. 80 Spadina Ave., 4th floor, 363-5268.

Ontario Science Centre: An exhibit of photomicrography featuring crystal formations as seen through a microscope, to March, 1986. Don Mills Rd. and Eglinton Ave. E., 429-4100.

Partisan Gallery: Holocaust in Paradise: a photo exhibit on East Timor, to Dec. 21. 1140 Queen St. W., 463-4813.

The Photography Gallery: Clix Deluxe, photographs taken with a toy camera by Diane Evans, to Jan. 5. At Harbourfront, 235 Queen's Quay W., 869-8410.

The Pottery Shop: Gallery artists to Jan 1. 140 Yorkville Ave., 923-1803.

Roberts Gallery: Recent oil paintings by William Winter, to Dec. 21. 641 Yonge St., 924-8731.

Royal Ontario Museum: I Took His Likeness, paintings by Paul Kane on display until next May; Silver From the Growing Collections, a collection of silver pieces to Jan 1; Mountain Light, photographs by Galen Rowell, to Dec. 21; an exhibit of 22 oil paintings from Canada's National Portrait Gallery on view until next year; rare Jewish artifacts originating from Kaifeng, China, on indefinitely. 100 Queen's Park Cres., 586-5551/2/3.

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Ydessa Gallery: An istallation by Kim Adams, to Jan. 11. 334 Queen St. W., 593-1100.

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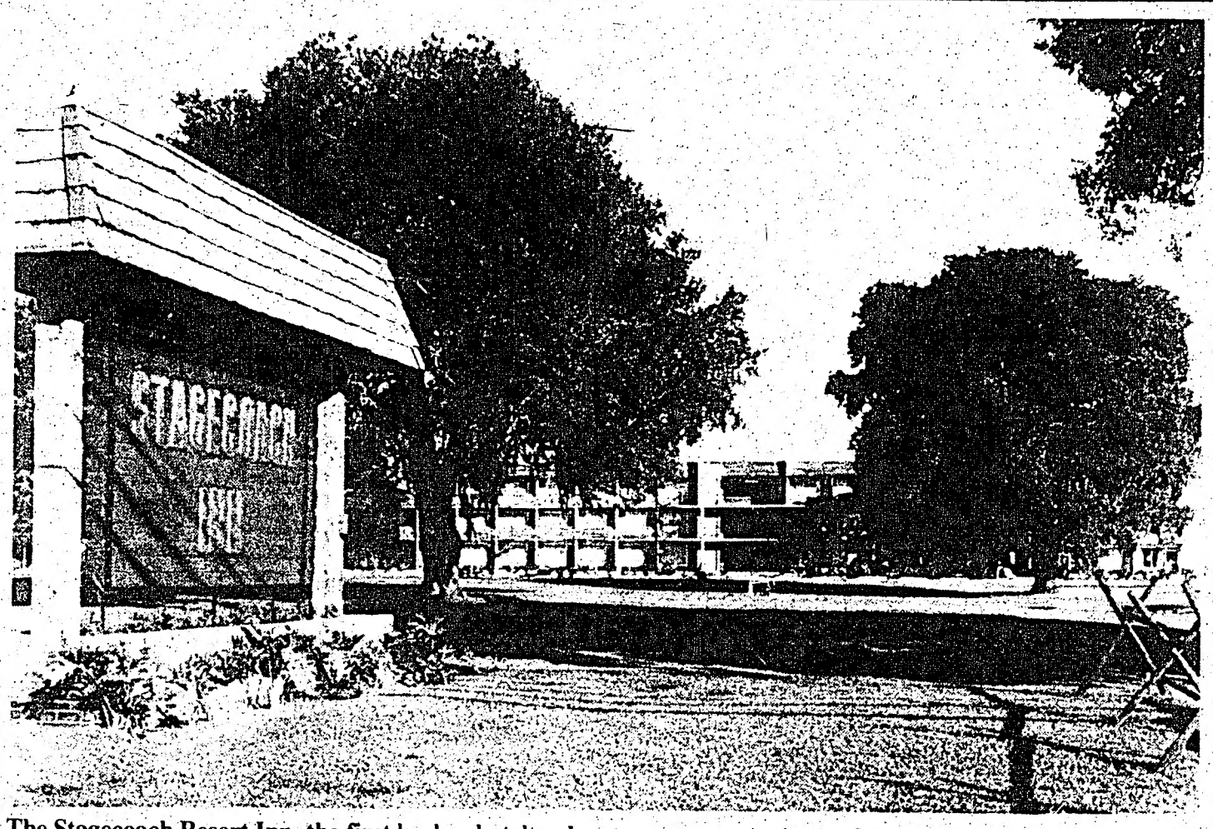

The Stagecoach Resort Inn, the first kosher hotel and restaurant to open in the Orlando area, just 10 minutes away from Walt Disney World.

Stagecoach Inn

Kosher hotel opens near Disney

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — The first kosher hotel and restaurant has opened recently in the Orlando vacation area.

Only 10 minutes away from Disney World in Kissimmee, Fla., the Stagecoach Resort Inn will delight people who observe the dietary laws or those who like Jewish food.

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The hotel has a shuttle bus which makes six trips a day to the Magic Kingdom and the Epcot Centre. The rooms are air-conditioned and equipped with cable color television.

And for conventions and seminars, it has a meeting room for up to 200 persons and conference facilities.

Along with the attractions at Disney World, it's a wonderful place for families and groups who want to visit the other attractions and beaches in the area. It is 25 minutes to the Circus World, 10 minutes to Gatorland Zoo and just over an hour to the Cypress Gardens, Busch Gardens, Daytona Beach or the Kennedy Space Centre.

What makes the Stagecoach Inn unique is its kosher supervised restaurant and lounge. The Green Pastures restaurant features dairy, vegetarian and fish specialties.

The menu (cholov Yisroel) includes such favorites as pickled herring, mushroom barley and chilled strawberry soups, a fisherman's casserole au gratin, marinated grilled bluefish, zucchini Bolognese, kasha varnishkes and creamed mushrooms, and a wonderful selection of desserts.

The Stagecoach Inn offers a full American plan with deluxe accommodations which includes a complete breakfast and dinner with your choice of menu. And if you are staying at Disney World or any other vacation attraction in central Florida through the day, the hotel will prepare a picnic lunch.

At press time, the prices in American funds for special packages for three days/two nights were $139 per person, or four days three nights for $199 per person. This includes accommodations, meals and tickets for the Magic Kingdom and Epcot Centre. The daily rate is between $49 and $54 per person and they have weekly rates and special group rates.

There is no extra room charge for up to two additional family members in the room and the hotel will provide a rollaway for $10 additional daily.

The full American Plan for children 5 to 11 years old is $12.50, 12 years and over, $25 a person a day.

The Stagecoach Inn has a meeting room that has been set aside for use as a prayer room and religious services. The hotel is endorsed by National Kashruth, whose president is Rabbi Yacov Lipschutz. His Florida representative is Rabbi Lazar Rivkin of Tampa.

The hotel has just announced it will be open for Passover and arrangements are now being made for a 10 days nine nights package.

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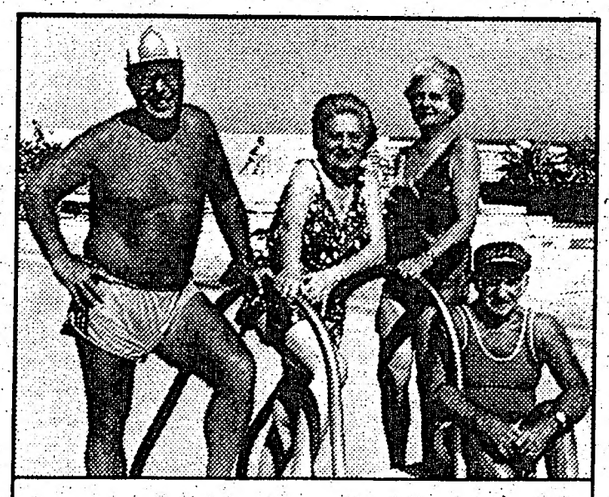

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Built by Sephardic Jews

Centuries-old synagogue major attraction in Curacao

By JAMES MONTAGNES

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao — One of the major sightseeing attractions for Jewish visitors to this Netherlands Antilles island is the 250-year-old Mikve Israel Synagogue. Built in 1732, it is the oldest synagogue in the Americas.

Patterned on the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue in Amsterdam, it was built by Sephardic Jews from Amsterdam, themselves descendants of Jews who fled the Spanish Inquisition of 1492. Unlike their former stone and brick synagogue, this one in Curacao is mainly stucco in pastel yellow color, but like the parent building has a wall about it.

Inside are copper chandeliers and candlesticks as in Amsterdam, the floor is sanded, and until recent years the women sat upstairs behind railings and the men sat downstairs.

Alongside the synagogue is an old Jewish cemetery dating back more than 330 years. Ritual baths were unearthed recently among ruins of an earlier Sephardic synagogue built in the mid-17th century. There is also a Conservative Ashkenazi synagogue in Willemstad, but of recent origin.

Cruise ships come to Curacao for a day or so, bringing most visitors to the island. There are also package flights from Toronto.

There are a number of local international chain hotels for tourism who come to soak up the sun, enjoy the casinos, the excellent seafood and the shopping for native-made as well as imported goods of all kind. Duty-free shops are numerous, at prices in U.S. dollars or local currency.

Curacao is one of six islands in the southern part of the West Indies which form the Netherlands Antilles. The others are Aruba, Bonaire, Saba, Sint Maarten and St. Eustatius.

Aruba has a number of small and medium-size resort hotels, good sand beaches and is noted for its scuba diving attraction. Old shipwrecks are bases for coral formations and myriads of tropical fish. There is one synagogue on Aruba.

Bonaire is much smaller, but a specialty for bird watching, with flamingos and other big seabirds. Saba is an unusual island where the settlement is in the centre of the island surrounded by the walls of an extinct volcano.

Sint Maarten is an island shared with France and known as St. Martin. Each government administers its own portion of the island, and tourism is the main business in each section. St. Eustatius is one of the islands which was settled several hundred years ago but is today of little strategic importance. It has good scuba diving, ruins of old forts and a long-abandoned synagogue.

South American tours scheduled

TORONTO — The first "guided adventures" that will take Canadians to Caracas, Angel Falls and other South American wonders in Venezuela will be leaving this month, Ventura International Tours has announced.

Starting on Dec. 13, Ventura's Venezuela tour will depart every Friday morning from Toronto on VIASA, the Venezuelan national airline, with a direct flight to Caracas.

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Travel

A great time to take a bite out of Big Apple

By
ROSE KLEINER

NEW YORK —
For a family winter holiday that is exciting and enriching, nothing beats New York. This December, New York is alive with so much to do, to see and to hear that parents and children will find the city an exhilarating experience.

So many happenings of Jewish and general interest await the visitor that only a small number can be mentioned here.

Theatre with Jewish content is flourishing both on and off Broadway. Besides the popular Brighton Beach Memoirs and Biloxi Blues, there is now on Broadway the excellent play, I'm Not Rappaport.

Judd Hirsh is outstanding in the leading role, and the performance should not be missed. Parents and children will also enjoy The Golden Land at the Second Avenue Theatre.

There are two Yiddish plays (with English synopsis) running in Manhattan. Broome Street, America is at the Folksbiene Playhouse (755-2231), and A Match Made in Heaven is at the Town Hall (921-9442). The former is about a Jewish immigrant family, the latter is a love story about a miller's daughter and a rebbe.

Yours Anne at Playhouse 91 (831-2000) is a musical based on the diary of Anne Frank.

For those who enjoy mime theatre, Zvi Kanar, at the Dramatis Personae Theatre (972-8930) will be appearing in A Solo Mime Performance on Saturday nights, and in Run, Jacob, Run on Sunday afternoons. The latter is based on Kanar's own childhood experiences during the Holocaust.

If you get to New York by Dec. 22 you can hear Israel's popular Poogy rock group in concert at the Beacon Theater (714-2241).

Otherwise, don't miss taking your family for an evening at the Jerusalem 2 nightclub (819-1891). Located on the second floor of the Jerusalem 2 restaurant, the nightclub serves the same delicious kosher dairy foods and provides some of the liveliest Israeli and Yiddish musical entertainment.

The place has a casual, warm atmosphere, and the guest performers are first rate. It isn't long before everyone in the house joins in the singing and clapping. Do make reservations in advance.

Two films come highly recommended. Almonds and Raisins, at the Carnegie Theater, is a historical review of the Yiddish theatre, narrated by Orson Welles. Shoah, at Cinama Studio, is a 9-hour documentary on the Holocaust, which is being shown in two parts.

There are many museum and special exhibits. The Circle of Montparnasse: Jewish Artists in Paris, 1905-1945 at the Jewish Museum (860-1889) is a unique show of 114 works by 43 artists.

While at the Museum do not miss Fantasy and Form in the Hanukkah Lamp, with 40 objects from the museum's permanent collection. Two other exhibits in the same museum are Jews of India and Recent Israeli Art: Selections from the Jewish Museum's Collection.

Going north to the Yeshiva University Museum you will see The Art of Celebration. This show is distributed over nine rooms which depict different holiday environments. Another exhibit, A Portrait of Dr. Bernard Revel, traces the life and times of the founder of Yeshiva University, who was also its first president.

The museum's third show is entitled, Ashkenaz, World of German Jewry. This exhibit reviews 1,000 years of Jewish life in Germany, and the emergence of Jewish culture there. The show is housed in a replica of a Medieval German town, enclosed by 10-foot walls, with an iron gate.

Mizrah: Compass for the Heart is on view at Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion (674-5300). This interesting display has a variety of mizrah and shiviti plaques dating from the 18th century to the present day.

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There are many activities for younger children. The Big Apple Circus is at Lincoln Centre Plaza (860-7320). The Children's Museum of Manhattan (765-5904) features participatory art, science and nature exhibits. A children's magic show with audience participation and live animals is to be seen at the Magic Towne House (752-1165).

The Wonder of Winter Storytelling at the Yeshiva University Museum Galleries, on Dec. 26, is an afternoon of hearing Jewish tales from all over the world (960-5390).

Accommodation in New York City is increasing and improving constantly. New hotels and renovated ones offer a wide choice of rooms and suites to meet family needs.

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Business Outlook

Fashion firm "shines" on Israel's industrial scene

By BARUCH SAVILLE

JERUSALEM —

In these days of a troubled economy, with the Israeli government almost daily asked to bail out failing companies, Polgat shines as brightly as ever on the industrial scene.

Established 22 years ago in Kiryat Gat by Israel Pollack, a Romanian-born immigrant businessman from Chile, Polgat today is a large industrial concern with a workforce of more than 6,000 persons providing employment—for a large percentage of the population of the area.

Still expanding, Pollak's enterprises — there are 10 of them altogether — are all related closely to the parent company.

Outstanding is Bagir Clothing which has plants in Jerusalem, Beersheba Yavne and now also in Britain where it employs some 750 people. Some 70% of Bagir products are sold to the Marks and Spencer group in Britain and in subsidiary companies in Europe.

Polgat encompasses just about every aspect of fine fashion — from the raw materials to finished goods, from wool to synthetic fibres and yarns, to woven knitted textiles and fabrics for the ready to wear shops in Israel and elsewhere.

Polgats' enterprises produce annually some 500,000 suits and jackets, 1 million pairs of slacks, 800,000 pieces of lingerie, and its most recent acquisition produces some 160,000 leather garments. The Polgat plants are the last word in technology with entire planning and production system fully computerized.

Israel Pollak

In the face of growing competition from Far Eastern countries, Pollack fully believes in modernization which he regards as the most powerful weapon in the cutting of cost and prices.

Marks and Spencer happily affixes the "Israel" label on Bagir clothing which has been accepted as being of the very highest standard.

Israel Pollak, today nearing 75, still directs his enterprises. Although the former family business has now been transformed into a public company, Pollack holds the important position of chairman and managing director.

Pollak, as always, is alert to the position of his employees and today with pensioners making up some 8% of the population, he has established a special plant for aging employees who wish to work only a few hours a day. He also has set up a scholarship fund for employees' children providing them with the possibility to get ahead.

Strikes are unknown at the Polgat plants for Israel Pollack treats every employee as "one of the family" and every employee receives an annual vacation in excess of the period laid down by the Histadrut.

Touche Ross, Resnick, Wintraub involved

CA firms merge practices

TORONTO —

The chartered accountancy firms Touche Ross and Resnick, Wintraub and Co. have merged their practices, Robert Rennie, board chairman of Touche Ross, and Donald Resnick of Resnick, Wintraub have announced.

Resnick, Wintraub's four partners and 24 staff members will move to Touche Ross' office at 1200 Sheppard Centre in North York later this month.

In announcing the merger, Rennie said "The expertise that the partners and staff of Resnick, Wintraub have in serving owner-managed enterprises enhances our firm's ability to serve this vital sector of our economy. We have always believed in the strength of independent businesses and we are committed to providing them with the best possible professional services."

"Dynamic growth centre"

Rennie also said that the merger's ability to strengthen the firm's North York office was important. "North York is one of the most dynamic business growth centres in Canada. We believe in North York and we want to do our best to contribute to its growth.

"For some time, we have been strengthening our North York office to better serve the companies and organizations in northern Metro. The Resnick, Wintraub professionals will play leading roles in our service to that community," he said.

Firm's expertise cited

According to Resnick, Touche Ross' national expertise and resources were a key reason for the decision to merge. "As part of Touche Ross, we will be able to offer our clients the special tax and business consulting skills available only from a large firm.

"These services are crucial to our clients which I count as being among the most aggressive, fast-growing businesses in the country. Because Touche Ross is a national firm, we'll be able to continue to provide quality services to our clients as they continue to grow and expand outside the Toronto area."

Resnick, Wintraub was founded in 1962 by Donald Resnick and Alan Wintraub. The firm serves a wide variety of businesses including retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers.

In June, Touche Ross was ranked as the third-largest accounting firm in Canada. It is one of the fastest growing firms in Canada. In September, it completed its third merger in as many years with firms in the Saguenay-Lac St-Jean region of Quebec. In September, 1984, Touche Ross also completed a major merger in the National Capital region to become the largest firm in the area.

Touche Ross is the first Canadian accounting firm, founded in Montreal in 1858 by Philip Ross. The firm has 41 Canadian offices providing accounting, auditing, tax, management consulting and financial and trustee services to public and private sector organization. It is part of Touche Ross International, which has 459 offices in 91 countries.

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Business Outlook

34 years in real estate business

Green elected TREB president

TORONTO —

Nathaniel (Nat) Green, who has been in the real estate business for 34 years, has been elected by acclamation as the 60th president of the Toronto Real Estate Board. On Jan. 9 he will officially assume leadership of the 15,500-member board, the largest in the world, succeeding Joe Castaldi, who remains a director.

Although a native of Montreal, Green has lived in Toronto since childhood, and received his education here. As a young man in the post-Depression period, he worked for several years in the clothing industry before serving in the RCAF from 1940 to 1945. Following his discharge, he owned and operated a gift shop with his wife.

In 1952, a neighborhood real estate broker presented him with an offer to purchase his business. Green turned down the offer on the shop, but accepted the broker's invitation to join him in real estate sales. He was so successful that within six months he sold the gift shop and launched his career in real estate.

The wisdom of that move was soon evident. After a few prosperous years in the field he became a sales manager for Mann and Martel in 1956, where he remained for 12 years. In 1969 he obtained qualification as a broker.

From 1968 until 1985 he held key senior management positions in the real estate divisions of several major trust companies. During this period he was responsible for the establishment of regional offices for these firms, throughout the province of Ontario. He is currently a vice-president and the regional manager of Robert Case Realty Ltd.

Green has been a member of the Toronto Real Estate Board since 1952, and actively involved in the work of its committees and councils since 1967. He has been a director of the board for eight years, a member of its

Nat Green

executive committee for the past five years, and a vice-president for the past two years.

He has chaired the executive council, salesmen's division, as well as the arbitration, bylaws, education, MLS, political affairs and finance committees, and has served on the computer and building committees.

Since 1981 he has been on the arbitration and ethics appeal panel of the Ontario Real Estate Association.

In 1981, Green established the 25-year club of the Toronto Real Estate Board, and has been the chairman of the club since its inception. He is also a member of several fraternal organizations.

Nat and Rose Green recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. They have two married children, Howard and Wendy, and are the grandparents of one grandson and five granddaughters.

Strong resale activity forecast for 1986

TORONTO —

A boom market in Canada's resale housing sector is not forecast for 1986. Instead, there should continue to be strong resale activity and a marginal average increase in prices (just under 4%), according to the Royal LePage 1986 market survey.

A boom market is characterized not only by high sales levels, but also by rapidly-rising prices; selling prices escalate much faster than the historical average for an area and also much faster than the rate of inflation.

In addition, multiple offers on homes for sale and selling prices which can exceed the listing price also are common during a boom market.

"Falling interest rates, a slowly improving economy that bolstered consumer confidence and stable house prices have combined to release pent up demand in many sectors of the resale housing market," says George J. Cormack, president — Royal LePage residential real estate services.

"Even in markets such as Toronto, Vancouver and Calgary, where resale homes sold at a record-setting pace, increases in selling prices have been moderate.

Mortgage rates stable

"We consider this trend of active sales and stable prices to be much healthier for all concerned than the boom-bust market that took place in 1981-82," emphasizes Cormack.

Consumers are benefiting not only from lower and stable mortgage rates but also from increased competition among lenders. The introduction of the 7-year mortgage by some lenders and new mortgage repayment options also have convinced families, and particularly single individuals, that now is the time to purchase a home, says Cormack.

A survey conducted in 1985 of 4,000 home buyers and sellers revealed that one in every four buyers was single. In addition, fully 70% were under 40 years of age and close to 30% under 30.

"Even in Quebec, where, compared with other parts of the country, renting has had more appeal than buying, the situation is changing," says Cormack.

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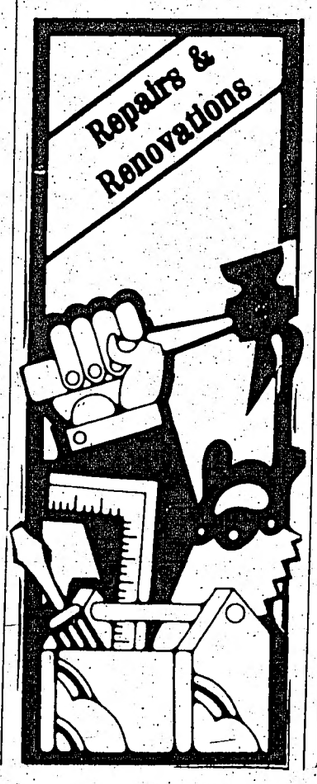

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Counselor helps diagnose job dissatisfaction

By CYNTHIA GASNER

Sandy Wise

TORONTO — A growing number of people are dissatisfied with their work, but for financial reasons or because they believe there is a lack of job alternatives, they remain unhappily where they are, says Sandy Wise, a career counselor with the Jewish Vocational Service.

"These people remain confused about the types of changes they should make," says Wise, who presents 4-session courses for men and women who are dissatisfied with their job and unsure of how to deal with it.

"In our sessions," says Wise, a graduate of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education in adult education and counseling, "all these people express frustration and they feel trapped."

Wise has developed job dissatisfaction exercises that help examine the problems at work and what can be done about them.

"Most of the reasons for the dissatisfactions are unique to the individual's situation and perceptions and are usually expressed in the negative — no chance of advancement, no recognition, not enough money — and others."

The vocational counselor says that by clarifying the problems through establishing positive expectations, individuals modify their attitudes and priorities.

Wise, who is also the coordinator of the Department of Jewish Living at Holy Blossom Temple and has established programs related to women's needs, time management and goal setting, emphasizes that when people learn to rephrase a statement to reveal a different perspective, they stop blaming others or depending on others to initiate action for them.

"By encouraging creativity through things like brainstorming, people discover that they played a part in accepting the situation, and through problem-solving techniques, they look at the situation without any defensiveness or excuses," says the competent counselor.

She says that many of the participants are surprised at the positive response they receive from an employer when they change their own attitudes. And their new awareness includes the realization that some dissatisfactions can be satisfied outside of work.

The major problem, she notes, is that people do not communicate what they want from others. "And people have no sense of their own power to initiate change and to modify the behavior of others.

"They learn to say, I am responsible for my own happiness — so what am I going to do about it?"

The job dissatisfaction groups are limited to eight participants, and Wise says that many people who attend are in marketing, sales, social service and law.

Wise, wife of lawyer Leonard Wise and the mother of two children, Michelle, 14 and Stephen, 11, describes herself as a feminist. She says that she has made some career changes and struggled with some of the questions that the participants in her groups face.

She says that most people who participate in job dissatisfaction groups remain in their present positions and at follow-up meetings, they report that they have been able to identify the problems and have begun making changes.

The next series of sessions will begin in January, and registration is now open. The cost is $50 (on a sliding scale). If you wish to register or if you want more information, call Sandy Wise, 787-1151 at the Jewish Vocational Service.

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CJC Guelph meet deals with issues at all levels

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

About 50 people braved inclement weather, hazardous driving conditions and peasoup fog to attend the 5th annual small communities conference in Guelph recently.

The conference, held under the auspices of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, brought together representatives of small Jewish communities from throughout the province and Toronto in a meeting designed to foster closer ties and exchange information on issues of mutual concern.

The conference theme, Understanding our Jewish Community, dealt with issues of concern to Jews at local, regional, national and global levels, with speakers throughout the day discussing major issues in all four spheres.

Besides the practical ma[illegible]scussing and debating programs and problems, the conference provided a forum where those from the smaller Jewish centres could group together and dispel feelings of isolation, said Susan Jackson, director of community services and youth activities for CJC, Ontario Region.

Community leaders from Brantford, Guelph, Oakville, Kitchener-Waterloo, St. Catharines and Peterborough attended the 1-day conference, Jackson said, with representatives from Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay canceling because weather grounded their flights.

The size of the communities range from approximately 30 Jewish families in Brantford, to St. Catharines' 300 families, while centres such as Guelph are somewhere in between with about 60 families, she said.

Les Scheininger, CJC, Ontario Region chairman, kicked off a series of seven speakers with a discussion on Congress regionalism, Jackson said.

His address dealt with how communities outside the major centres "plug in" to Congress and how they could plan and proceed with joint programming.

Scheininger's address was followed by a talk by Manuel Prutschi, national director of the joint community relations committee of CJC, who discussed the trials of Ernst Zundel and Jim Keegstra.

Prutschi's presentation gave the delegates an enhanced understanding of the issues involved, Jackson said, and a broader view of concerns facing the national Jewish community.

Phil Unger, co-chairman of the politicial liaison committee of Congress, followed that up with a briefing on the activities of the committee, which is designed to foster contacts with Canadian politicians and sensitize them to issues of concern to the Jewish community.

He told the conference the committee is considering implementing similar programs outside Toronto, Jackson told The CJN.

Bernie Farber, director of research, CJC Ontario Region, led a discussion on religious education in public schools, a "key concern" to many of the representatives present, Jackson said.

Many parents are concerned about schools in the province providing Bible studies classes or class prayers, Jackson said.

The history, background and concerns of Soviet Jews was next on the agenda, with Wendy Litwack, co-chairwoman of the Committee for Soviet Jewry, CJC, outlining the problem of Soviet Jews.

Litwack discussed the problems faced by the 400,000 Jews of which Congress is aware, who wish to leave the Soviet Union. She proposed practical measures they could take to help Soviet Jews, such as "adopting" a Soviet family, writing to them to keep their spirits up, and writing to Canadian politicians and Soviet officials to keep the issue alive.

Litwack told the conference that these letters have been known to alleviate the harsh conditions Soviet Jewish prisoners experience.

Worldwide terrorism and the links between various terrorist groups was discussed by Moshe Ben-Zioni, Israeli vice consul.

Marlene Walker brought the program of speakers to a close with a discussion of leadership development — involving new people in positions of responsibility.

Jackson termed the conference a success, with about the same number attending as last year. Considering the weather conditions, that in itself is an accomplishment, she said.

Looking at the future of the communities themselves, Jackson said she sees a trend of younger people returning to smaller centres, due to economic circumstances, often to take up their parents' businesses.

That trend would inject new blood into the smaller communities and make them more viable, she said.

Jackson herself, as Congress staff person, travels to communities throughout Ontario about 100 days per year, to run and facilitate programs, involve university students and faculty in Jewish events and make sure the high school outreach program runs effectively.

The Beth Isaiah Congregation in Guelph hosted the conference, while Didi Urbach and Jack Mintz, co-chairpeople of the small communities committee of CJC, and Abe Acker, president of the Beth Isaiah, welcomed the representatives.

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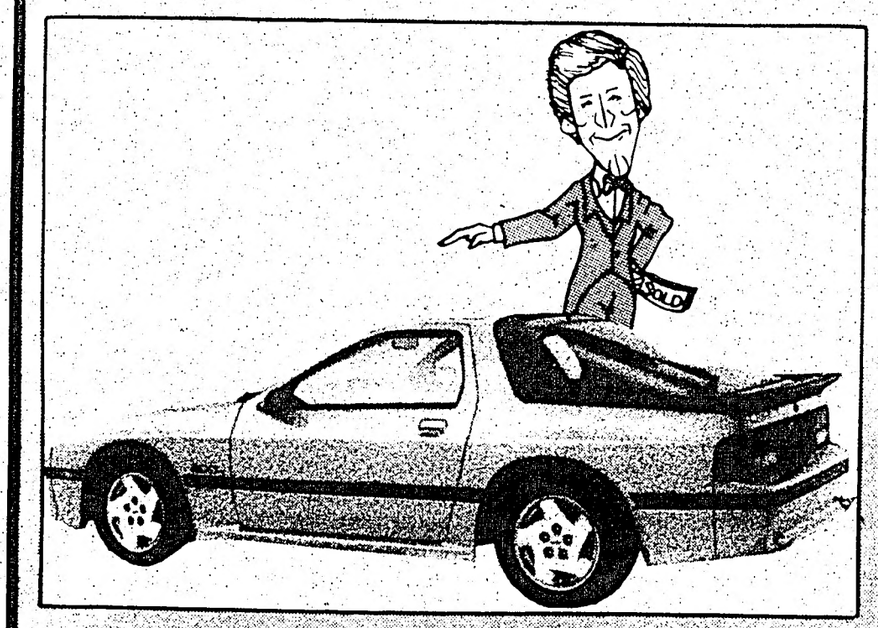

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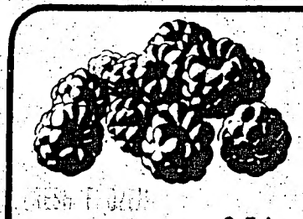
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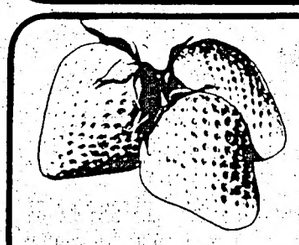
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